

Stockbridge Zoning Review Committee

Minutes

May 10, 2018, 5:00 p.m.

Committee Attendees: Kate Fletcher (co-chair, Planning Board); Jim Murray (Zoning Board of Appeals), Carl Sprague (Historic Preservation Commission); Bob Jones (Alternate, Zoning Board of Appeals)

Kate Fletcher asked that recording devices be disclosed; Joel Williams from the Record was recording the meeting.

The minutes from May 3 were approved unanimously.

In response to a request from the Select Board for a recommendation on the Cottage Era Estate (CEE) bylaw, Kate suggested that the committee begin by drafting a recommendation. Once completed, the committee could move on to other agenda items. The committee drafted a recommendation; a motion was made by Bob Jones to approve the recommendation for submission to the Select Board and seconded by Jim Murray. Approval was unanimous.

With that completed, the committee began discussing scope and goals for a planner. Jim mentioned that working with a planner will be a process, the first thing they will ask is what it is that you want. They will want specificity. As an example: What do you mean by economic vitality? We need to start reviewing the zoning bylaws – there are small and large issues within the zoning bylaws. Kate mentioned some of the areas that have caused confusion and misinterpretation in the zoning bylaws.

Comments from the audience included:

- The point of zoning is to set boundaries, zoning should not be prejudicial
- Amherst is such a different town from Stockbridge hence not a good comparison for Stockbridge to use (with regard to zoning bylaws).
- When people hear economic development, they think tourism. Let's think about people working at home and encourage telecommuting.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Fletcher
Co-chair, Stockbridge Zoning Review Committee