

# Stockbridge Zoning Review Committee

## Minutes

Friday, June 8, 5:00 p.m.

Committee Attendees: Kate Fletcher, chair (Planning Board); Jim Murray (Zoning Board of Appeals), Bob Jones (Alternate, Zoning Board of Appeals)

Absent: Carl Sprague (Historic Preservation Commission), Gary Pitney (Alternate, Planning Board)

The meeting began at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes from May 10 and 24 were approved.

Review of the zoning bylaws included comments and discussion on:

- The zoning bylaw Purpose (Jim asked about changing this, Kate mentioned that the committee's goal/purpose statement that was approved by the Select Board called for using the existing Purpose as a basis for review, the thinking being that changing the Purpose would fall into the realm of master planning.
- Discussion of page 13, Jim felt this could be cleaner.
- Page 25, Kate suggested a sketch for g and h to assist Planning Board members (the wording has caused confusion in the past).
- Jim suggested that the Planning Board be the permitting authority for residential special permits and the Select Board handle commercial requests. Kate felt that the town had benefited from the balance of review by both boards and expressed her concern that this would make requests less transparent as the Planning Board operates out-of-sight. Bob commented that review by both boards provides more oversight if that is the goal.
- Regarding page 25, h, Bob suggested that it seems reasonable that a large acreage be able to have a 3-car garage and suggested this be by special permit.

Other bylaws that the town should look at that are currently not in the zoning bylaw include:

- Lighting – the current wording is specific but perhaps add times of operation of outdoor lighting
- Assessor units
- Online rentals
- Sign bylaw (current bylaw has caused confusion)
- Medical marijuana
- Non-profits – clarify in the bylaw as information for board members what the town's jurisdiction and responsibilities are.

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- Cluster development – Jim commented that there is no mention in subdivision section of this option, could this apply to R1 as well as R2 and R4. Clarify how this is decided – by vote, permit or consensus.

Regarding the agenda for the next meeting, it was agreed that the focus should be on finding a planner.

- Kate will forward the link to a planner recommended to her and the link to MA planning site

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Fletcher  
Chair, Stockbridge Zoning Review Committee

Approved by SZRC 6/21/18