

## MINUTES

### Public Hearing on proposed amendments to the Sheffield Zoning Bylaws

Thursday, April 14, 2011

The public hearing was opened at 7:30 PM.

Planning Board members present were: Christopher Tomich, David Smith Sr., and Margaret Martin. Anthony Gulotta was present as an Alternate Member. Peter Cherneff and Timothy Fulco were absent.

M. Martin read the notice of this public hearing published in the Berkshire Record.

D. Smith Sr. explained that the purpose of the hearing was to obtain public input on the proposed warrant article for the May Town Meeting which changes town zoning bylaws.

C. Tomich stated that the proposed article is necessary and fair because the ZBA should use the same criteria as the Planning Board to evaluate Special Permit Applications.

David West was the only member of the public present. His main contention with the proposed wording was the words "any potential." He was also concerned that the wording in 5.0 "shall not be substantially more detrimental than the original" would be in conflict with the new decision criteria.

C. Tomich said we need to tackle the criteria itself at a later date. He stated that the purpose of the proposed change is to make the criteria that the Planning Board and ZBA use to make decisions the same.

The Board members agreed to make a change to the wording as suggested by David West.

C. Tomich made a motion, to endorse the proposed change to bylaw 9.4.2.2, with the new suggested wording, removing the word "potential" in front of the word "adverse." Tony Gulotta seconded the motion and it was approved.

At 8:04 pm M. Martin made a motion, seconded and approved to close the public hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary to the Planning Board