

MINUTES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
Thursday, April 24, 2008

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM. Members present were: Anthony Gulotta, Margaret Martin, David Smith Sr., Christopher Tomich and Rene Wood. C. Tomich chaired the meeting. R. Wood took minutes.
Sign in sheet attached.

Proposed warrant article to increase number of members on the ZBA: C. Tomich asked each board member for their input on this proposed warrant article, which had been the subject of the public hearing at 7PM. T. Gulotta commented on several points made by the public during the hearing and said he supported a 5-member board and letting the voters decide this at town meeting. M. Martin concurred with T. Gulotta and pointed out the advantages of having the two additional viewpoints of a 5-member board, as well as the difference experiences that come from a mix of local and non-local members. She stated that all care about the town. She said the voters should decide. D. Smith supported the conversation and recommended the board recommend it to voters. R. Wood also supported a 5-member board and concurred with previous comments. C. Tomich supported a 5-member board and asked for a motion.

T. Gulotta made a motion to endorse the proposed warrant article to the town voters and recommend its passage. D. Smith, Sr. seconded the motion. It was approved by a unanimously vote.

R. Wood asked about the language change to the last sentence that had been discussed during the public hearing.

T. Gulotta made a motion to amend the language of the last sentence of the proposed warrant article on the floor of the town meeting. D. Smith, Sr. seconded the motion. It was approved by a unanimously vote.

R. Wood indicated she is not comfortable presenting this article for the board at town meeting as she plans to apply for a position on the ZBA. C. Tomich will present this warrant article.

The board went over warrant article presentations. C. Tomich will present # 31 and 34; D. Smith, Sr. will present # 32; R. Wood will present # 33 and 35. Presenters will talk with B. Pearson, Town Moderator.

Kathy Orlando, representing the Sheffield Land Trust, reviewed the status of the proposed Bow Wow Farm Form A, which is being completed for submission to the board. The matter of the structures in the setback was discussed and it was learned that there was a notation on the old mylar regarding this. C. Tomich will talk with Tom Carmody, Building Inspector as to how this may be handled. The board would prefer not to put conditions on the Form A. A letter from Bow Wow Farm as to their intent to move these structures following the current growing season was discussed as possibly being helpful. The board went over applicant signature requirements as there are four owners in four different states, as well as the need to have a more current date on the mylar presented to the board. Despite searching the files, a copy of the mylar K. Orlando had, which may have been given to the board years ago, has not been located in the board's files.

Two sets of minutes were reviewed and amended.

Minutes: *M. Martin made a motion to accept the minutes for the 4/9/08 Regular Business Meeting, as amended. Her motion was seconded and approved unanimously.*

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Mail: C. Tomich reviewed the mail with the board. Board copies of the Special Permit Application of Peter and Melissa Zdiarski were passed out. C. Tomich kept the one for the new board member and will check with R. LaBombard to see if 2 signed copies of the application were sent to the applicants.

Upcoming meetings were reviewed as well as what the board has on its agenda for its May 8th meeting, the last meeting prior to town elections and a new board.

At 8:35PM a motion was made by A. Gulotta to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Minutes submitted by Rene Wood.