

PLANNING BOARD
MINUTES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
Thursday, May 27, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Members present were: Christopher Tomich, Peter Cherneff, David Smith Sr. and Margaret Martin Tim Fulco was absent.

Sign-in sheet attached.

Form A Application:

Full name of applicants/deeded owner(s): Trevor O. and Melanie S. Williamson.

Brief explanation of application and fee paid: \$100 paid. The purpose of this Form A application is not to divide the property but rather to correct a procedural error. Attorney Dennis Downing explained that prior to the sub-division control law, properties were divided using a sketch. After the law was enacted in the late 1960's, Form A applications with formal plans were supposed to be used. But, a subsequent conveyance, made in 1979, conveyed the property by sketch. The Williamsons are selling the property, which needs to pass forward in a correct manner with surveyed plans. Attorney Downing stated that both lots conform to today's zoning standards.

Physical address / location as it appears in the Registry of Deeds (Map# & Lot#): Southern Berkshire Registry of Deeds Book 1598, Page 132. Located on the northerly side of Berkshire School Road as shown on three copies of the plan.

Name of civil engineer company and representative presenting Form A: Mark Reynolds from Kelly, Granger, Parsons and Assoc., Inc.

Form A determination / Board member voting outcome: M. Martin made a motion, seconded and approved, to accept the Williamson Form A application. Board members signed the stamped plans in approval.

Form A Application:

Full name of applicants/deeded owner(s): Martin and Faith Canellakis.

Brief explanation of application and fee paid: \$100 paid to divide the property into 2 lots.

Physical address / location as it appears in the Registry of Deeds (Map# & Lot#): Southern Berkshire Registry of Deeds Book 1488, Page 141 & 127. Located on the northerly side of Ford Hill Road as shown on three copies of the plan.

Name of civil engineer company and representative presenting Form A: Mark Reynolds from Kelly, Granger, Parsons and Assoc., Inc.

Form A determination / Board member voting outcome: M. Martin made a motion, seconded and approved, to accept the Canellakis Form A application. Board members signed the stamped plans in approval.

Discussion of Form A Requirements: Board will get a determination from Atty. Sally Bell on Planning Board obligations

M. Martin called attention to the subdivision control laws Mass General Law Ch 41 section 81t. The Board read through the law together and discussed the Planning Board's role.

Minutes: D. Smith Sr. made a motion, seconded and approved, to accept the minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of May 13, 2010 as amended.

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission: D. Smith Sr. reported that four important issues came up during the last meeting.

- ❖ Wind Power bill came up in the legislature last week and almost passed. Rene Wood, Bob Mott and Eleanor Tillingham were in Boston to demonstrate against it. BRPC voted again to send a letter to the legislature showing that they are opposed to the “loss of local rule.” D. Smith Sr. abstained from supporting the letter, but it was sent.
- ❖ BRPC discussed the Big Y project in Lee.
- ❖ The open meeting law was discussed.
- ❖ D. Smith Sr. needs to be re-elected as a delegate of the Sheffield Planning Board to BRPC.

P. Cherneff made a motion, seconded and approved, that David Smith Sr. be re-elected as the Sheffield Planning Board Delegate to the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission.

Business Association: C. Tomich described a meeting 2 weeks ago, which re-established the Business Association. Julie Hannum, Joe Kellogg and Smitty Pignatelli were there. John Casey was the Health Insurance representative from Pittsfield. Tony Gulotta introduced the program and explained how the original Association was started by his dad. There was discussion of creating a kiosk, scholarships for students and a pool for health insurance. The next meeting will be June 16 at 6:00 p.m. at the Bridge restaurant.

David Smith Sr. will not be at the next Planning Board Meeting on June 10.

Mail:

- ❖ The Zoning Board of Appeals approved a Special Permit for Century Acquisitions for proposed alterations updating an existing sand processing structure.
- ❖ Letter from Tom Carmody, Building Inspector, to the Salisbury Bank explaining that their 9 proposed signs do not comply with Sheffield Zoning Bylaws. He states that there are too many signs and too much square footage. The Board noted that there are 5 directional signs which might be necessary for safety.

At 8:30 p.m., D. Smith Sr. made a motion, seconded and approved, to close the regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Nadia Milleron,
Secretary to the Planning Board