



Town of Sheffield

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Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 27, 2013, 7:00 PM

TOWN HALL – 1st FLOOR MEETING ROOM

Board Members Present: David A. Smith Sr.
Margaret Martin
Peter Cherneff
James T. Collingwood Jr.

Board Member Absent: Maria Nation

No Members of the Public were present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Dollar General Special Permit Application: The Board reviewed the dimensions proposed by Dollar General and compared them to the sign bylaw. The Board has questions about the signs Dollar General proposed that they would like to ask at the public hearing. The Board also discussed the lights on the Dollar Store in Amenia, NY, where the lights were on after 11pm at night when the store was closed. They noted that the bylaws require such lights to be turned off after 11pm in Sheffield.

The Board determined that the notice of the public hearing would be published on April 5th and 12th allowing 7 days, the hearing will be scheduled on April 24th.

Minutes: Margaret Martin moved that the Regular Minutes of Wednesday, March 13, 2013, be accepted with corrections. Peter Cherneff seconded his motion and the Board, approved it.

Warrant Items: The Board reviewed and corrected the language on the proposed warrant items in light of last night's public hearing.

Citizen's Petition on Medical Marijuana: The Board submitted a letter to the Select Board recommending that this citizen's petition be included as a warrant item.

James Collingwood moved that the Planning Board accept the warrant item regarding medical marijuana and forward it to the Select Board together with the Planning Board's recommendation that the warrant item be approved, the recommendation to be included in the Annual Town Meeting Report and Recommendations for Approval. Margaret Martin seconded his motion and the Board approved the motion unanimously.

Peter Cherneff moved that the Planning Board forward the warrant regarding Sheffield Zoning By law 3.1.5 to the Select Board together with the Planning Board's recommendation that the warrant item be approved, the recommendation to be included in the Annual Town Meeting Report and Recommendations for Approval. Margaret Martin seconded his motion and the Board approved the motion.

Peter Cherneff moved that the Planning Board forward the warrant regarding Sheffield Zoning By law 3.1.3. to the Select Board together with the Planning Board's recommendation that the warrant item be approved, the recommendation to be included in the Annual Town Meeting Report and Recommendations for Approval. James Collingwood seconded his motion and the Board approved the motion.

The Board engaged in discussion.

Peter Cherneff moved that the Planning Board be a party to an appeal of the actions of the Building Inspector in regard to the approval of a Building Permit for Dollar General. Margaret Martin seconded his motion and Peter Cherneff, David Smith Sr. and Margaret Martin voted in favor of the motion. James Collingwood abstained.

The next Planning Board Meeting will be April 3rd at 4pm.

Adjournment: James Collingwood made a motion to close this Regular Planning Board Meeting, seconded by Margaret Martin. All Board members voted in favor of the motion.

At 8:50 PM the Planning Board adjourned their regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Nadia Milleron
Secretary to the Planning Board