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Wednesday, April 24, 2013, 7:00 PM

TOWN HALL – 1st FLOOR MEETING ROOM

Board Members Present: David A. Smith Sr.
Margaret Martin, left the meeting at 8pm
Peter Cherneff
James T. Collingwood Jr.
Maria Nation

Members of the Public Present: Ted Dobson
Kathy Orlando
Susan Rothschild
Laura Grunfeld
Tom and Gretchen Ingersoll

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM.

David Smith Sr. explained that, effective tonight, the Board would be following MA general law chapter 39 section 3c exactly. He read the law which says that no person is allowed to address the meeting without permission of the presiding officer. David Smith Sr. explained that Planning Board minutes will not be available from staff or members of the Planning Board, only from the Town Clerk's office or as posted on the Town website and that at future meetings these procedures would be written and distributed to attendees.

Margaret Martin moved that the Regular Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, April 10, 2013, be accepted with corrections. Maria Nation seconded her motion. Margaret Martin, David Smith Sr., James Collingwood and Maria Nation approved the motion. Peter Cherneff abstained because he had been absent on April 10th.

Primax and Dollar General: David Smith Sr. read two letters, from members of the public, to the Select Board, copied to the Planning Board, complaining about the building permitting process for Dollar General. Please see the two letters attached.

Public Questions Regarding Dollar General: Members of the public asked the Board questions about the appeal of the Building Inspector's granted permits for Dollar General. There was general discussion about the bylaws, proposed changes to the bylaws and history of their development.

Maria Nation wrote a letter to the Planning Board that she would like reflected in the minutes.

She read:

Dear Colleagues,

I would like the minutes to reflect the events of this week.

Yesterday four members of the Planning Board: Peter Cherneff, Jim Collingwood, David Smith Sr. and myself, Maria Nation, plus Nadia Milleron, met with the Sheffield Chief of Police, Eric Munson, III.

Although we are on the Planning Board we did not meet *as* the Planning Board. No minutes were taken. Instead, we presented ourselves as individuals and on behalf of our family members who are concerned about the disturbing email sent to each of us by Dave West at 1:26 that morning.

The letter, sent to each of our private emails, is attached.

I would like the minutes to reflect that I, personally, felt the email to be rather disjointed, of a threatening nature, and beyond the pale of civility.

We did not press charges and, in fact, we desired measures that might diffuse the situation rather than exacerbate Mr. West's emotional state.

I would like the record to state that in accordance with Chief Munson's advice, we request that from now on, emails sent from Mr. West go through the Planning Board's official email, which can be obtained by Rhonda LaBombard.

Sincerely,

Maria Nation

Adjournment: *James Collingwood made a motion to close this Regular Planning Board Meeting, seconded by Maria Nation. All Board members voted in favor of the motion with the exception of Margaret Martin who left at 8pm.*

At 8:10 PM the Planning Board adjourned their regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Nadia Milleron
Secretary to the Planning Board