

MINUTES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
Thursday, August 14, 2008

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Members present were: Christopher Tomich, Anthony Gulotta, Margaret Martin, Tim Fulco and David Smith Sr.

Sign-in sheet attached.

Torrico Electric's Application for a Sign Special Permit: The applicant submitted a check for \$250. Board members reviewed the contents of the application. A. Gulotta made a motion, which was seconded and approved that "providing the math is right" that the Planning Board accept the application. The case was assigned #081408. The hearing is scheduled for September 25 at 8 PM.

Natural Habitat's Application for a Sign Special Permit: The public hearing was rescheduled for September 11, at 8:00 PM because the original notice was not printed in the Berkshire Record.

Form A Application:

Full name of applicants/deeded owner(s): Estate of Dana A. Bartholomew.

Brief explanation of application and fee paid: Dividing one lot into 2 lots. Check for \$100.

Physical address / location as it appears in the Registry of Deeds (Map# & Lot#): On westerly side of Route 41 aka Undermountain Road, dated August, 2008. Southern Berkshire Registry of Deeds Book 1680, page 136.

Name of civil engineer company and representative presenting Form A: Mike Parsons of Kelly, Granger, Parsons and Associates, Inc. 312 Main Street, Great Barrington, MA 01230.

Form A determination / Board member voting outcome: The applicant was missing 2 copies of the stamped application. D. Smith Sr. agreed to bring the copies to be stamped by the Town Clerk the next day. M. Martin made a motion to accept the application. Her motion was seconded and approved 5-0. The Board members signed the mylar and copies.

Form A Application:

Full name of applicants/deeded owner(s): Peter Tarshis and Marjorie Cohn

Brief explanation of application and fee paid: Dividing one lot into 2 lots.

Physical address / location as it appears in the Registry of Deeds (Map# & Lot#): On westerly side of Brewer Hill Road, as shown on the plan dated July, 2008. Southern Berkshire Registry of Deeds Book 1254, page 14.

Name of civil engineer company and representative presenting Form A: Mike Parsons, Kelly, Granger, Parsons and Associates, Inc. 312 Main Street, Great Barrington, MA 01230.

Form A determination / Board member voting outcome: D. Smith Sr. made a motion to accept the Form A application of Tarshis & Cohn. The motion was seconded and approved 5-0.

Form A Application:

Full name of applicants/deeded owner(s): Gregory Small and Claire Anacreon

Brief explanation of application and fee paid: Dividing one lot into 2 lots.

Physical address / location as it appears in the Registry of Deeds (Map# & Lot#): On westerly side of Alum Hill Road as shown on plan dated March, 2007. Southern Berkshire Registry of Deeds Book 1625, page 201.

Name of civil engineer company and representative presenting Form A: Mike Parsons of Kelly, Granger, Parsons and Associates, Inc. 312 Main Street, Great Barrington, MA 01230.

Form A determination / Board member voting outcome: A. Gulotta made a motion to accept the Form A application of Small & Anacreon. The motion was seconded and approved 5-0.

Minutes: *D. Smith Sr. made a motion to accept the minutes for the 7/23/08 Regular Business Meeting as amended. His motion was seconded and approved unanimously.*

D. Smith Sr. made a motion to accept the minutes for the 7/23/08 Special Permit Hearing as presented. His motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Rene Wood to write Planning Board articles for Sheffield Times: Ms. Wood offered to continue to write these articles and C. Tomich agreed that she could do so.

Mail: Included the following:

- ❖ Bills and accounting documents for A. Gulotta
- ❖ A letter from Tom Carmody, the building inspector, to Salisbury Bank regarding a temporary structure in case of emergency.
- ❖ Notice of a hearing from Great Barrington.
- ❖ General information which will be in Rhonda's Box.
- ❖ A letter from Tom Carmody to Century Acquisitions explaining that a cease and desist order is not called for at this time.
- ❖ Berkshire Regional Planning Commission meeting notice.

Discussion of Outdoor Storage: Board members discussed the fact that outdoor storage at the countertop business in front of Torrico Electric is increasing. D. Smith wondered if the same problem could occur at the proposed Cavanaugh building. Board members mentioned that they had not anticipated the amount of inventory outside the countertop business. It was suggested that members informally ask about the feasibility of putting up some fence, because such outdoor storage is unattractive. Members asked if there

could be conditions placed on a building permit regarding outdoor storage. Members agreed that this issue needs to be considered in future applications

Deliberations on Marketplace Kitchen’s Special Permit Application for Signs: M. Martin read the applicable bylaws and the Board proceeded through the template for the Special Permit Deliberations. There was a lengthy discussion over the safety of the sign adjacent to the parking area. The Board resolved the issue by carefully wording a condition relating to the sign and parking.

At 8:55 PM, M. Martin made a motion, seconded and approved 5-0, to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Nadia Milleron,
Secretary to the Planning Board