

MINUTES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
Thursday, September 11, 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.

Discussion of Outdoor Storage: C. Tomich offered to draft a letter to the countertop business in front of Torrico Electric suggesting that they create a defined area for storage. The letter will not be official but will be sent from the Board in their capacity as a neighbor and community member.

Minutes: *D. Smith Sr. made a motion to accept the minutes for the 8/14/08 Regular Business Meeting as amended. His motion was seconded and approved unanimously.*

Natural Habitat's Sign Special Permit Application: The Board reviewed the application before the public hearing scheduled for this evening.

Treasurer: A. Gulotta will pay the *Berkshire Record's* \$181 bill for the ads for tonight's public hearing.

Mail: Included the following:

- ❖ Town budget showing expenditures to date
- ❖ Notice of a public hearing from Great Barrington regarding a sub-division on Front Street in Housatonic
- ❖ Planning Board of Great Barrington sent notice of a proposed Zoning Ammendment which will expand the Village Center and put a moratorium on gas stations
- ❖ Notice of training on the Open Meeting Law
- ❖ Egremont Planning Board will add "youth facility" and its definition to their bylaws
- ❖ Peter Martin's editorial in the Berkshire Record on unnecessary difficulties created for businesses in Berkshires
- ❖ General information which will be in Rhonda LaBombard's Box on the Town Hall 2nd floor.

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission: D. Smith Sr. announced the 5th Thursday dinner topic for September. He has filled out a questionnaire from the BRPC and presented the Board with information about a training and a list of Audio/Web conferences.

Sign By-law Revision Meetings: The Board listed persons who have shown interest in participating in sign by-law revision. Those people are: David West, Tom Carmody, Dan Jimmerson, Steve Seward, Chris Tomich, Tony Gulotta, David Smith Sr., Tim Fulco, and Maggie Martin. The Board discussed the work that needs to be done for this new committee. The consensus was that it will be difficult to get the new by-law ready for the December Town Meeting, but that the May Meeting would be more realistic. The committee will meet Wednesday nights beginning on September 24 from 8-9:30 PM It was suggested that interested persons do research on the subject, bring ideas and read the current by-law, 6.2, very carefully.

Rules & Regulations: C. Tomich asked that Board members come to the 9/25 meeting with concerns and that the Board set a goal to have these complete by the end of the following meeting.

At 7:50 PM the Board recessed to conduct the public hearing.

At 8:20 PM the Board resumed their regular meeting.

At 8:20 PM, M. Martin made a motion, seconded and approved 5-0, to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Nadia Milleron,
Secretary to the Planning Board