

MINUTES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
Thursday, March 26, 2009

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Members present were: Christopher Tomich, David Smith Sr. Anthony Gulotta and Margaret Martin. Tim Fulco was absent.
Sign-in sheet attached.

Revising By-Laws & Definitions: C. Tomich anticipates that the Planning Board will have time to re-write aspects of the by-laws that are inadequate or unclear.

Mail: Tom Carmody, Building Inspector, sent the Board a copy of a letter to 1375 Main St. regarding continuation of non-conforming use. Tom Carmody stated in his letter, that the premises, which were once the Pine Tree Restaurant, are no longer eligible to operate as a restaurant under a pre-existing status in the commercial district.

The Board looked at the map of Sheffield districts and the parameters for each district and discussed the fact that both the Building Inspector and the owner of the property may be mistaken in their assessment of the uses allowed for this property. C. Tomich will discuss the matter with the Building Inspector.

Mr. Carmody also forwarded a letter to Century Acquisitions regarding enforcement of the ZBA's decision on that matter.

Discussion of Increasing Business Friendliness: The Board discussed the fact that businesses that are not offensive and would not create problems are sometimes not allowed because they don't conform to the bylaws. The Board discussed becoming more pro-active in revising the by-laws for the town warrant.

The idea of creating a Business Association that could share billboard advertising was discussed.

Minutes: *D. Smith Sr. made a motion, seconded and approved, to accept the minutes of the Regular Business Meeting on March 12, 2009 as amended.*

Sign Committee Meeting: The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 1 at 7:00 p.m.

At 8:00 PM, A. Gulotta made a motion, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Nadia Milleron,
Secretary to the Planning Board

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