

MINUTES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
Thursday, May 14, 2009

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

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

Sign-in sheet attached.

Minutes: The Board will review the minutes from both the prior meeting and this meeting on May 28th.

Board Elected the following Officers:

Chair: Christopher Tomich

Vice Chair: David Smith Sr.

Treasurer: Timothy Fulco

Secretary: Margaret Martin

Form A Application:

Full name of applicants/deeded owner(s): Edward A. Delmolino III.

Brief explanation of application and fee paid: Division of unrestricted acreage surrounding a house from 89 acres designated APR.

Physical address / location as it appears in the Registry of Deeds (Map# & Lot#): . Southern Berkshire Registry of Deeds Book 496, Page 11

Name of civil engineer company and representative presenting Form A: Dennis Gibbons from Kelly, Granger, Parsons and Assoc. Inc

Form A determination / Board member voting outcome: Board members signed the stamped plans in approval.

Mail:

- ❖ The town of Great Barrington sent notice of a public hearing June 22 for a two family use single lot on Sekonk Cross Road.
- ❖ The town of Mt. Washington sent notice a permit request has been submitted to operate a camp on Mt. Washington property.
- ❖ The town of Sheffield Zoning Board of Appeals sent notice of a decision

for a variance for the Dana Bartholemew Trust. Planning Board members discussed whether it was appropriate for the ZBA to grant this variance and concluded that the requirements under town bylaws were met for ZBA to grant the variance in this case.

- ❖ The Great Barrington town manager sent notice that a hearing will be held June 22 to perform work on Long Pond Road within a Water Quality Protection area.

CPCT Annual Conference: Rene Wood submitted a bill for \$311.25 for her attendance at the CPCT annual conference. Her attendance as a member of the regional planning commission was approved by the Board.

Peter Chernoff volunteered to make copies of CDs containing materials from the conference.

Cavanaugh Special Permit Hearing will be held June 11 at 8pm: An application for special permit and site plan review has been submitted for 719 North Main Street. The public hearing will be advertised in the Berkshire Record, notification will be given to necessary parties and abutting towns two weeks prior to the hearing.

Sign By-Laws: Members discussed existing sign laws and the progress of new sign laws being drafted. Christopher Tomich commented that Sheffield should work to be more business friendly. He also noted the Board needs to be working on concerns regarding business districts including what challenges prevent businesses from operating in Sheffield's business district and what types of businesses would be beneficial to bring to Sheffield.

Board members agreed to invite Tony Gulotta and Rene Wood to join the Board at 7:20pm for the meeting on May 28th.

Margaret Martin provided bylaws from another town that might be helpful for Sheffield, particularly for the Sign Committee.

Green Initiatives: Margaret Martin raised the need to involve the Board in green initiatives and recommended attendance at CET's seminars. She volunteered to take the lead with this and keep the Board informed about upcoming seminars.

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Meeting with Attorney: David Smith updated the board on a meeting with the Assistant District Attorney who discussed legal issues as they pertain to the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 8pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nadia Milleron,
Secretary to the Planning Board

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