

Planning Board Minutes
Wednesday, April 18, 2012
Mallett Hall
7:00 PM

Members present: Hutch Hodsdon, Joan Mueller, Liza Nichols, planner Tony Dater

Members absent: John Bowdren, Matt St. Cyr

1. Call to order: at 7:08 by the chair

2. Secretary's Report: Joan had not been at the previous meeting and thus did not wish to vote. It was decided that approval of the minutes as well as the minutes of the workshops on April 3 & 17 would be tabled until the May meeting when more members would be present.

3. Old Business: None

4. New Business: None

5. Discussion: we reviewed the issues arisen at the last workshop that required Tony's opinion or investigation -

- power lines crossing over driveways and possible hindrance of emergency vehicles, expense of burying or relocating, is it practical?
- a definition of utilities in general and public utilities in particular - Section 2 Definitions of the draft says that wireless tel. facilities are not considered a public utility but telephone equipment and structures are.
- sufficient water pressure in wells, is there a standard?

Tony will see what he can find out for next meeting.

We turned our attention to the budget. Hutch had figures for us that he had presented to the Selectmen and will to the Budget Committee later. Tony has a final bill to send in for this year but the same figure we put in for him this year will suffice for the next. We have around \$5000 unexpended since the codes book update has not been completed. Hutch said he believed we can now roll over our unexpended funds into the next budget (later Tim Giddenge would say this is not the case). \$200 for code book printing was removed since Scott says he can now print them up as needed and people can now access ordinances on the town website. Our previously projected income of \$500 in subdivision fees is looking unlikely. Nonetheless, we decided that asking for \$2700 from taxation would remain the same.

Attention turned to Definitions; Liza said she had emailed Jim Briggs about an update but had nothing to report. The board decided to ask Jim to our next two workshops and devote them entirely to the subject.

It was noted in Section 2, Definitions under Home Occupation that "the Site Plan review Ordinance" is referenced for sign requirements. It should be changed to *Section 13, Signs*.

Workshop dates were set for Tuesday May 1st and 15th at 8:00 AM.

Hutch had yet to connect with the CEO about Matt Chipman's Tradin' Post, but that he would not talk with Matt until he was sure of the facts.

We adjourned at 8:00 PM and accompanied Hutch to the Budget Committee meeting already in progress.

Respectively submitted,



Liza Nichols

Secretary's note: While we neglected to set next month's agenda Discussion will continue on with the Draft update and Board Applications. Additionally, we will be voting officers for the year.