

Minutes approved as amended 5-0 on December 2, 2015.

Planning Board Minutes
Ashfield Town Hall
October 27, 2015

Present: Michael Fitzgerald (MF), Chair
Lauren Preston Wells (LPW)
Alan Rice (AR)
Jim Cutler (JC)
Ken Miller (KM)

Absent:

Guests:

Meeting called to order at 7:34 PM.

1. Board reviewed minutes from October 7, 2015. AR moved to accept minutes as amended, LPW seconded. JC abstained from voting, as he did not attend the meeting. All in favor, 4-0-1, motion carried.
2. Old Business: JC asked about point #3 on the minutes from October 7, 2015, regarding KM being appointed as Ashfield's representative to FRCOG. MB said she mailed the form back to FRCOG confirming the board appointing him.
3. JC said that the town is no longer participating in the Pipeline Advisory Committee. Since the town has stated its opposition to the pipeline, JC said it is not in the town's interest to continue contributing to that committee. Therefore KM, as representative to FRCOG, is the board's only source of information about FRCOG's position on the pipeline.
4. AR asked whether it was within its jurisdiction for the board to discuss the pipeline in meetings. MF said that while the board does not have jurisdiction over the pipeline itself, it does have jurisdiction over certain steps in the process Kinder Morgan must follow to build the pipeline, such as approving surveys. MF said it would be important to continue watching Kinder Morgan's progress, as there may be things in the future over which the board does have jurisdiction; as of now there are very few. AR confirmed that there is an interest in staying informed.
5. AR said that he will plan a meeting with MB to get the record of the board's minutes up to date.

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6. Regarding House Bill 2881 (see minutes from October 7, 2015), LPW reported that another bill has been introduced that is nearly identical in wording to the Wind Energy Siting Reform Act (WESRA).
7. Board reviews senior housing bylaw proposal. The board discussed which set of bylaws would take precedence, in the event that they should come into conflict, deciding that the town center bylaws should take precedence. MF said that the board still needs a zoning map for town center. MF added a clause about not requiring snow removal except in the case of emergency access. The board discussed architectural requirements for town center and town-wide.
8. LPW asked if there was any more information about the next Special Town Meeting. MF said that there was no new information.
9. MB reported that she can now post meeting agendas and minutes on the website.
10. Board discussed agenda for the next meeting.
11. LPW moved to adjourn the meeting, JC seconded. All in favor, 5-0, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Meghan Bowen, scribe