

These minutes were approved by a vote of 5-0 on December 7, 2016.

Ashfield Planning Board Minutes  
Ashfield Town Hall  
November 16, 2016

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

Absent:

Guests (Members of the ZBA):

Molly Babize (MBA)  
Anne Yuryan (AY)  
Kit Nysten (KN)  
Susan Stark (SS), associate member

Meeting called to order at 7:31 PM.

1. Board reviewed minutes from November 2, 2016. AR moved to accept minutes as amended, JC seconded. All in favor, 5-0, motion carried.
2. AR updated Board on the status of the Town's new Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP). The OSRP ad hoc committee met on November 10, 2016 for the final time this year. The committee discussed the mapping of open spaces that are not protected, and discussed chapters 2 and 4 of the current OSRP. FRCOG planner Pat Smith believes that the committee has done good work on the plan, and the Town hopes to acquire DLTA funding through FRCOG to continue updating it in the coming year.
3. MF reported that the Board's two Bylaw amendments regarding telecommunications and the ability to name an associate member, which were presented in a Special Town Meeting on November 15, 2016, both passed.
4. Board received paperwork from Gloria Pacosa for the files regarding her Special Permit for which she applied earlier this year.
5. MF asked whether there was anything in particular that the Board should consider working on next. Board members suggested green or flexible development, and zoning for growing and selling marijuana.

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6. Board discussed upcoming deadlines. Special Town Meeting to pass the proposed Senior Citizens Housing Bylaw must take place within six months of the hearing, which took place on October 19, 2016.
7. Board held meeting with the Zoning Board of Appeals to discuss the proposed Senior Citizens Housing Bylaw, which could potentially require a shared permitting process between the two Boards. The Boards decided to strike the words "maximum extent" from section 2c regarding required access to amenities, and discussed other potential changes as well; however, members of the ZBA expressed a desire to read over the proposed Bylaw more thoroughly before recommending any other changes. The two Boards will meet again on January 18, 2017.
8. The Board discussed the agenda for the following meeting.
9. AR moved to adjourn the meeting, KM seconded. All in favor, 5-0, motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Meghan Bowen, scribe