

**Planning Board**  
**Meeting Minutes of January 15, 2014**  
**Ashfield Town Hall**

Present: Michael Fitzgerald, Chair (MF)  
Alan Rice (AR)  
Sarah Holbrook (SH)  
Lauren Preston-Wells (LPW)  
Ken Miller (KM)  
Brittany Martin, Scribe (BM)  
John Champ, Guest (JC)

The meeting is called to order at 7:34pm.

1. Planning Board reviews mail.
2. Planning Board reviews minutes from December 18, 2013 meeting, AR moves to approve the minutes as amended, LPW seconds and all vote in favor.
3. Planning Board discusses Stray Dog Antiques. MF states that they would be considered a Cottage Industry unless the business had too much traffic. Hilary Sloin from Stray Dog Antiques will be attending our next meeting on January 29, 2014.
4. Planning Board discusses Senior Housing Draft Bylaw. MF reads edits that he and Town Counsel discussed. MF will make edits to the latest Draft and will email new Draft to all Board members.
5. Planning Board welcomes John Champ from Industrial Tower and Wireless, LLC to the meeting. JC discusses the 150 foot tower that Industrial Tower and Wireless, LLC is proposing to put in Ashfield. JC states that he understands the company will have to get special permitting through the Planning Board. MF states that if the tower is going to exceed the height that is allowed, JC will have to show that the coverage of the tower at that height will be enough to eliminate the need for another tower elsewhere. JC states that a 2-week balloon test will be difficult to properly monitor as he is two and a half hours away. MF states that JC may want go to the ZBA for a variance for the two week balloon test, and the ZBA will probably need JC to show a hardship to get the variance approved. JC will contact MF with any additional questions he has about the application process.
6. KM motions to adjourn the meeting, LPW seconds and all vote in favor.

Meeting adjourns at 10:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brittany Martin, Scribe

Documents and Exhibits (Filed at the Ashfield Town Hall):

1. Industrial Communications Easement Exhibit Plan and MASS GIS Plan