

Planning Board
Meeting Minutes of
December 17, 2014

Present: Michael Fitzgerald, Chair (MF)
Judy Haupt (JH)
Ken Miller (KM)
Alan Rice (AR)
Jean Cherdack, Scribe

Absent: Lauren Preston-Wells (LPW)

Meeting called to order at 7:33 p.m.

ANR: Ed Purinton, 304 March Road, Ashfield, MA
Applicant stated he is buying 0.63 acres and splitting it with his neighbor. Applicant stated he has no plans to subdivide. JH made a motion to approve the ANR for Purinton. AR seconded. All voted in favor (4-0).

ANR: Ramon Sears, 669 Creamery Road, Ashfield, MA
Sears is buying 13.519 acres from William Eddy. One new property line is being created. KM asked if it is just a property line boundary change or a viable building lot? It was noted there could be several building lots with frontage on Creamery Road. AR moved to approve the ANR. Seconded by JH. All voted in favor (4-0).

Board reviewed minutes from the December 3, 2014 meeting. JH moved that the minutes be accepted, as amended. Seconded by KM. All voted in favor (4-0).

AR stated that he would speak with Ashfield resident Anne Madocks about her taking the lead regarding the Town's Open Space & Recreation Plan update. (Anne has offered to be involved with this document.)

Board discussed amendments to the telecommunications bylaw. MF and AR stated that they have researched other Massachusetts towns, to look at the language in their bylaws. (Many towns have older telecommunications bylaws.) Discussion ensued on the nature of language in other bylaws on telecommunications facilities.

Board discussed revisions to Section VI, Use Regulations, of the Town of Ashfield zoning Bylaws. In answer to a question from KM, MF explained the 80' height restriction rule for cell towers, and how it developed. Discussion followed on setbacks and different locations around town. AR stated that he would like to continue to investigate language found in telecommunications facilities bylaws of other towns. Are we addressing both

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telecommunications towers and wireless in the same document? The answer is, Yes we are. Further discussion ensued on revisions to Section VI, Use Regulations.

JH moved to adjourn meeting. AR seconded. All voted in favor (4-0). Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Cherdack, Scribe