

**Planning Board
Meeting Minutes of December 19, 2012**

Present: Michael Fitzgerald, Chair (MF)
Alan Rice (AR)
Lauren Preston-Wells (LPW)
Sarah Holbrook (SH)
Brittany Martin (BM)

The meeting is called to order at 7:35pm.

1. Planning Board reviews the December 5, 2012 minutes. AR moves to accept the minutes as amended, LPW seconds and all vote in favor.
2. Planning Board discusses Echo Bond. MF sent Eduardo an email and didn't hear from him. Ann, Ashfield Town Clerk, heard from him and delivered the bond check to Eduardo.
3. Planning Board discusses letter to the residents of Ashfield regarding the Wind Turbine By-law. BM has submitted the letter to Robert Taft for submission in the January issue of Ashfield News.
4. Planning Board discusses AR's email to the Select Board regarding the subcommittee for the Open Space and Recreation Plan and Five-Year Action Plan. AR will see if he can get an electronic version of the Open Space and Recreation Plan. AR will send out an email to all boards and members to see who may be able to join this subcommittee.
5. Planning Board discusses Open Space and Recreation Plan and their part in the updating that needs to be done. AR states that the Planning Board needs to work on: 5 Year Action Plan and any other input regarding the survey relating to the maps. AR also states that someone may want to volunteer to work with the Board of Assessors to discuss what changes have occurred in the protected lands since the last map was created.

Planning Board agrees that each Board member will read the Open Space and Recreation Plan in its totality to discover if there is anything that doesn't seem correct. The body of the text is being updated by Dodson and Flinker.

MF states that there appears to be a list of six items that mention Planning Board next to them:

- 1) Gravel pits/quarries
- 2) Demolition delay by-law
- 3) Subdivision Conservation
- 4) Parcel acquisitions
- 5) Identify the cost of community services that must be provided to the town for new development
- 6) Village district information

Board discusses the following:

1. Moving Goal II-C to Goal V.
2. It would be less confusing if the Gravel Pits and Quarries weren't separated
3. Goal II-C-2; Current language could require two hearings, one by the Select Board and one by the Planning Board, for gravel pit permitting.

4. Goal II-C-3; this could be put in the survey in the Ashfield News. Move before Goal II-C-2.
 5. Goal II-C-4; keep this in here.
 6. Goal III-B-4; put in survey.
 7. Goal V-6-1; reconsider.
 8. Goal V-B; keep.
6. LPW motions to adjourn the meeting, AR seconds and all vote in favor.

Meeting adjourns at 9:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brittany Martin