

**Planning Board**  
**Meeting Minutes of January 29, 2014**  
**Ashfield Town Hall**

Present: Michael Fitzgerald, Chair (MF)  
Alan Rice (AR)  
Lauren Preston-Wells (LPW)  
Ken Miller (KM)  
Brittany Martin, Scribe (BM)

Absent: Sarah Holbrook (SH)

The meeting is called to order at 7:36pm.

1. Planning Board reviews mail.
2. Planning Board reviews minutes from January 15, 2014 meeting, KM moves to approve the minutes as amended, AR seconds and all vote in favor.
3. Planning Board welcomes Hilary Sloin from Stray Dog Antiques to the meeting. MF states that the reason that the Planning Board asked HS to the meeting is because they wanted to let her know that if her store looks like a house or a farm then she can apply for a Cottage Industry. If the store starts looking like a retail store then she will have to apply for a special permit. HS states that her house is the largest structure on the property. HS states that the store will be open from April through November; Friday, Saturday and Sunday. MF further states that she isn't allowed to have lit signs on her property. HS asks the Planning Board if she is able to have a sign on Route 112 for her store. MF states that she needs to ask the State Highway Department and that the Planning Board doesn't have that jurisdiction. HS states that she will file the appropriate paperwork for her business.
4. Planning Board discusses the Zoning Laws for the Senior Housing Draft Bylaw. MF states that we will use the Recorder to advertise the meeting for two consecutive weeks. BM will draft a letter for the Planning Board to review that will be sent to the surrounding towns and other Boards and Commissions in Ashfield.
5. LPW states that the Department of Public Utilities had a hearing at Berkshire Community College. LPW states that citizens living around the Florida and Monroe wind turbine development spoke about being affected in their homes at the Berkshire DPU hearing.
6. MF reviews the budget and submits revisions.
7. MF motions to adjourn the meeting, AR seconds and all vote in favor.

Meeting adjourns at 9:39pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brittany Martin, Scribe