

**Planning Board
Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2013
Ashfield Town Hall**

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

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

1. Planning Board reviews minutes from March 6, 2013 meeting. AR moves to accept the minutes as amended, LPW seconds and all vote in favor.
2. AR nominated SH for another term on the Planning Board last night at the Caucus. SH has signed already.
3. Planning Board reviews the Potential Survey Questions DRAFT that AR has put together. AR stated that he would like to keep this as simple as possible and have no accompanying map. Edits are as follows:
 - a. As an introduction, add a short definition of Open Space.
 - b. Question 2.
 - i. Change question to read: Which of the following types of land and Natural....
 - ii. Change Surface Water to read: Lakes & Ponds
 - iii. Make Orchards its own selection
 - iv. Remove Open Land from Cropland/Pasture/Open Land
 - v. Add Scenic Vistas/Views; Quarries/Mines
 - c. Question 3.
 - i. Change (Choose top 3) to read: (Choose top 5)
 - ii. Remove Special Places
 - iii. Change Farms/Farmland to read: Farms/Agriculture
 - iv. Add Historic Bridges; Village Character; Archeological Sites
 - d. Question 5.
 - i. Add: Dining; Music; Theater
 - e. Question 6.
 - i. Remove Horseback Ridding (already listed as Horseback Riding)
 - ii. Add Off Road Vehicles; X-Country Skiing; Other (specify)
 - f. Question 7.
 - i. Change question to read: What kind of funding do you think should be used to protect Open Space in Ashfield?
 - ii. Move (check all that apply) to the next line
 - g. Question 8.
 - i. Move the 'Visits per year' options above the columns of numbers below.
 1. E.g. 15+ 10-15
5 4
 - ii. Add: Snowmobile/Other Trails; Other (specify); Brewer Tatro Memorial Park
 - h. Question 9.
 - i. Edit selection 5 to read: Sell land to the town at fair market value
 - ii. Add Support of Community Preservation Act
 - i. Add a question at the end of survey to read: What would you miss the most if it disappeared?
 - j. Change the order of questions to: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 7, 9, 11
 - k. The point of this survey is to find out how people in town feel about undeveloped land.
 - l. AR will edit survey questions as amended.
 - m. MF moves to accept the new order of the questions, SH seconds, vote in unanimous.
 - n. LPW moves to accept the Potential Survey Questions as amended, SH seconds, all vote in favor.

4. SH motions to adjourn the meeting, KM seconds and all vote in favor.

Meeting adjourns at 9:19pm.
Respectfully submitted,
Brittany Martin, Scribe