

**Planning Board
Meeting Minutes of June 5, 2013**

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

Absent: Sarah Holbrook (SH)
Brittany Martin, Scribe (BM)

Guest: Art Williams, Ashfield resident

The meeting is called to order at 7:42pm.

1. Board reviews mail.
2. Board reviews ANR submitted by Art Williams; lots created, to become APR lands. Discussion ensues as to the number of lots actually created (two or three), because land is located on both the east and west sides of state Hwy. 116. The Board determines it to be two lots (as eastern lot already exists and is only put into APR). KM moves to accept ANR. AR seconds. All vote in favor. Fee of \$100 paid (\$50 per lot created).
3. Board hears report on the Medical Marijuana Workshop on May 29, 2013 in Greenfield (sponsored by FRCOG), attended by KM and AR. Ashfield was represented also by Select Board member Ron Coler and Board of Health members Duncan Colter and Susan Clark. The workshop provided straight information on the law and what potential impacts it may have on communities in Franklin County.
 - a. Three speakers: D.J. Wilson, Public Health Liaison, MA Municipal Association; Kay Doyle, Kopelman & Page law firm; Kat Allen, Partnership For Youth.
 - b. Subject matter included zoning bylaws for medical marijuana; advice on moratorium adoption and the AG's Office rejection of outright bans; responsibilities involving dispensaries (including 500 ft. radius ban from schools and parks and day care facilities), doctors, patients, growers, vendors; hardship cultivation; preventing substance abuse among youth.
 - c. AR to draw up maps with 500 ft. radius ban shown at appropriate locations in town.
 - d. AR moves to table discussion until all members are in attendance. LPW seconds. All vote in favor.
4. KM reports on recent FRCOG Planning Board meeting, which he attended. Subjects included Unified Planning Work Program, Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, budget summary for the planning program, relicensing of Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Facility.
5. MF reports on discussion he held with Jim Hawkins, Building Commissioner, about senior housing and enforcing rules around allowing only seniors as residents. Most zoning is enforced during the building permit phase. Perhaps regulating the size of the dwelling would help in enforcement. If condos, there may need to be requirement for establishment of a homeowners' association.

Meeting adjourns at 9:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Alan Rice