

**Planning Board  
Meeting Minutes of August 7, 2013  
Ashfield Town Hall**

Present: Michael Fitzgerald, Chair (MF)  
Sarah Holbrook (SH)  
Ken Miller (KM)  
Lauren Preston-Wells (LPW)

Absent: Alan Rice (AR)  
Brittany Martin, Scribe (BM)

The meeting is called to order at 7:40pm.

1. Minutes are not available to review
2. LPW hands out WNTAG (Wind and Noise Technology Advisory Group) "meeting one draft meeting agenda" and "MassDEP Discussion Document: Potential Revisions to MassDEP Noise Regulations and Policy to Address Wind Turbine Noise". LPW voiced concerns about WNTAG not advising in regards to low frequency and infrasound, therefore leaving it unregulated in respect to wind turbines. LPW also concerned about the proposal to consider allowing projects in areas with very low background noise to exceed the current 10dBa regulation as this would allow even greater noise increase for our town. Next WNTAG meeting on August 15th. We will continue to follow this issue to see how they answer questions and how our circumstances might differ from state regulations.
3. MF reports that no boards have responded to the Senior Housing By-law that he sent out. He will follow up with the boards and building inspector about any concerns they may have, definitely want water commission and sewer commission to respond.
4. Planning Board reviews the updated Senior Housing By-law Draft.
  - a. Reorganize sections so that current sections E, F, H, P, G are in said order and relabeled alphabetically
  - b. First sentence of second paragraph insert "special permit" so that it now reads: Under this section the Planning Board may allow by special permit the development of Senior Citizens Housing.
  - c. Add description and/or map overlay of "town center" as referred to in paragraph 1. Discussed possibility of 1/2 to 1 mile radius of town hall and churches to support citizen ability to walk from development to town services. MF will check with the assessors about availability of MassGIS map to use to show overlay district.

5. Old Business. Mary Fitzgibbons asking if there is an emergency transmission exception in the cell tower by-law.
6. KM motions to adjourn the meeting, SH seconds and all vote in favor.

Meeting adjourns at 8:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lauren Preston-Wells

Documents and Exhibits (Filed at Ashfield Town Hall)

- I. WNTAG "meeting one draft meeting agenda" and "MassDEP Discussion Document: Potential Revisions to MassDEP Noise Regulations and Policy to Address Wind Turbine Noise"