

**Planning Board
Meeting Minutes of August 7, 2014
Ashfield Town Hall**

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

Guests: Ken Kipen (KK)
Anne Madocks (AM)

The meeting is called to order at 7:33pm.

1. The Board reviews mail. MF puts an abutters list meant for the ZBA into their mailbox.
2. The Planning Board reviews minutes from March 19th and April 16th meetings. LPW comments that we are reviewing these at this late date because of our scribe's unplanned and hasty departure at the beginning of May. The Board just recently received the drafts of the minutes from the scribe. LPW moves to approve the March 19th minutes as amended, AR seconds and all vote in favor. KM moves to approve the April 16th minutes as amended, AR seconds and all vote in favor.
3. MF invites the guests to address the Board. KK gives the PB a document, "Spruce Corner Residents' objections to industry and government assertions of cell tower safety as stated in the following two articles. AM asks for clarification about the type of variance referenced in the hearing for this special permit on Spruce Corner Road. MF clarifies that the variances is one described in the bylaw, not the State's definition of variance. AM gives the PB a letter referencing Special Permit Application for Cell Tower at 1450 Spruce Corner Road. AM also asks for clarification about posting of the hearing. MF responds that only the original hearing date of June 12th is required to be posted and in the newspapers, but the October 1st continuation was noted in the Ashfield News and we plan to put it in again closer to the time of the hearing. AM emailed two locations for towers located on the high-tension lines and wonders if the PB already gave specific coordinates or was the company choosing them and would they be the best choice for covering the objective. MF replies that we are waiting to get that map and will verify what the coordinates are. AM asks how the consultant is evaluating the maps, are there directions about the inputs? MF responds that Bruce Beliveau has 30 years experience and would know if a map is correct or he would know to ask questions. KK and AM depart.
4. Board reviews minutes from July 2nd. AR moves to approve the minutes, KM seconds and all vote in favor. Board reviews minutes from the July 16th Hearing. AR moves to approve the minutes, JH seconds and all vote in favor.

5. KM reports he attended the FRCOG Executive Council/Regional Planning Board Meeting with Kinder Morgan about the proposed pipeline that was held at Greenfield Community College.
6. JH informs the Board that she knows of a company in Orange, MA that specializes in camouflage and perhaps a representative would come speak with us about cell towers. She will email us a link to the website.
7. LPW informs the Board that she contacted a representative of Nanepashemet Project Management Services whose name was on the AT&T Conway Road Specs sheet to ask for an AT&T cell phone coverage map of Ashfield that includes both current coverage and planned coverage. The representative said he would pass the request to an AT&T engineer.
8. LPW shares news reported in the Greenfield Recorder about the Florida/Monroe Wind Turbine development being in violation of the DEP 10 dBA noise standard. Post construction noise readings registered 19 dBA above ambient.
9. MF hands out proposed changes to the telecommunications bylaw.
10. JH moves to adjourn. KM seconds and all vote in favor.

Meeting adjourns at 10:10pm
Respectfully submitted,
Lauren Preston-Wells, Board Member