

**Planning Board
Meeting Minutes of September 5, 2012**

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

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

1. Planning Board reviews the August 15, 2012 minutes. KM moves to accept the minutes as amended, MF seconds and all vote in favor.
2. Planning Board discusses the Wind Turbine By-law. MF is half way through the draft of his letter to post in the Ashfield Town News regarding the Wind Turbine By-law, he will try to complete it by next meeting, scheduled to be held on September 19, 2012.
3. Planning Board discusses Echo bond. Walter Cudnohufsky has sent Eduardo several emails letting Eduardo know that the Planning Board would like him to come to a meeting to speak about the release of his bond and the data that the Planning Board understood they would receive after the data was gathered and released. WC has received no response to date.
4. Planning Board discusses the Open Space and Recreation Plan.
 - a. MF states that Section 2B: Planning Process and Public Participation is out of date.
 - b. AR thinks that for the purpose of moving forward, it may benefit the Planning Board to form a committee to update the plan.
 - c. Planning Board discusses the maps and that each Board would need to work on their assigned maps.
 - d. AR states that if there is any opportunity to expand the scenic inventory in Ashfield, now is the time and that it should be incorporated into the updated maps.

Select Board is hoping to get the Open Space and Recreation Plan completed by the end of the year so that it can be submitted to the state for approval. Planning Board has several questions about the Plan, one being:

- (a) What are the funding sources?
 - e. AR thinks it is in the best interest of the town to have someone leading the updating process of the Open Space and Recreation Plan. AR told the Select Board that he is able to be the individual who spearheads this project.
5. LPW inquired what was happening on Baptist Corner Road and Beldingville Road with the electric lines. No one knows. LPW will contact electric company.
 6. LPW motions to adjourn the meeting, KM seconds and all vote in favor.

Meeting adjourns at 9:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Brittany Martin