

These minutes approved as written on June 7, 2017 by a vote of 3-0 with one abstention.

Ashfield Planning Board

Ashfield Town Hall

May 17, 2017

Present: Michael Fitzgerald (MF), Chair
Ken Miller (KM)
Rick Chandler (RC)
Meghan Bowen (MB), Scribe

Absent: Alan Rice (AR), Clerk
Jim Cutler (JC)

Guests: Eric Nelson

Meeting called to order at 7:35 PM.

1. Board reviewed minutes from May 3, 2017. KM moved to accept minutes as written, MF seconded. RC abstained from voting, as he did not attend the previous meeting. Vote was 2-0-1, motion carried.
2. Board discussed short-term rentals. MF said that if a short-term rental began to resemble a hotel or bed and breakfast business, then it would require a special permit. MF suggested that the Board table the discussion until a meeting at which JC is present, since he brought the issue to the Board's attention.
3. MB read aloud AR's email regarding progress on updating the Town's Open Space and Recreation Plan.
4. MF nominated AR as Clerk for the upcoming year, KM seconded. All in favor, 3-0, motion carried.
5. KM nominated MF as Chair for the upcoming year, RC seconded. All in favor, 3-0, motion carried.
6. The Town Clerk, Bridget Rodrigue, requested that the Board fill out Form 7 with information about the proposed Senior Citizens Housing Bylaw so that she could

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send it to the Attorney General's office for approval. MB will fill out the form and submit it with copies of the legal postings from the newspaper as soon as possible.

7. Board discussed budget shortfall. MF will submit a request for additional funds to cover MB's payment through the end of the fiscal year and the remainder of the fee owed to The Greenfield Recorder for the previous legal posting.

8. Board discussed flexible development briefly. MF said that the Board is conducting research at this point to determine whether any bylaws should be created around the topic. Board will send RC a copy of the previous draft bylaw before the next meeting.

9. MB will email the webmaster for the Town's website about changing the hour listed as the Board's regular meeting time from 7:00 PM to 7:30 PM.

10. KM moved to accept the letter AR wrote for the Board, RC seconded. All in favor, 3-0, motion carried.

11. KM moved to adjourn the meeting, RC seconded. All in favor, 3-0, motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Meghan Bowen, Scribe