

These minutes approved as written by a vote of 5-0 on January 18, 2017.

Ashfield Planning Board Minutes
December 7, 2016
Ashfield Town Hall

Present: Michael Fitzgerald (MF), Chair
Alan Rice (AR)
Jim Cutler (JC)
Lauren Preston-Wells (LPW)
Ken Miller (KM)
Meghan Bowen (MB), scribe

Absent:

Guests:

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM.

1. Board reviewed minutes from November 16, 2016. LPW moved to accept minutes as amended, AR seconded. All in favor, 5-0, motion carried.
2. AR received an email from Judy Haupt regarding a DCR grant application for \$31,000 for park restoration. There would also be a 20% match of funding from a donor, though AR was not sure who the donor is. She was seeking an official letter of support from the Board to be included with the application, which is due on February 1, 2017. LPW asked whether there are currently maps or other visual aids to help the Board understand what the restoration would entail. AR said that there were plans somewhere in Town Hall, but the Board did not look for them during the meeting.
3. Board must recommend Judy Haupt to the Select Board as an associate member. MF said that he will make the recommendation.
4. KM updated the Board on recent FRCOG Regional Planning Board meetings. The RPB is discussing potential regulation on short term rentals such as Airbnb. The RPB also discussed zoning around tiny houses, the South River Watershed project in Conway, and a regional climate survey.
5. Board discussed creating a database for easier access to special permits and ANRs. This would work in conjunction with better organization of the filing cabinets where permits are kept.
6. Board discussed the agenda for the following meeting.

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7. KM moved to adjourn, LPW seconded. All in favor, 5-0, motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Meghan Bowen, scribe