

These minutes approved as amended by a vote of 4-0 on March 1, 2017.

Planning Board Minutes

Ashfield Town Hall

February 15, 2017

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

Absent: Meghan Bowen (scribe)

Guests: Maryellen Abbatiello (MA)
Robert Abbatiello (RA)

Meeting called to order at 7:34 PM (establish acting scribe: Alan Rice)

1. Board reviews mail.
2. Board reviews 2-1-2017 meeting minutes. LPW moves to approve, as is. KM seconds. Motion passes, 5-0.
3. AR updates the Board on progress with the Open Space & Recreation Plan (OSRP) updating. AR attended the joint Select Board/Financial Committee meeting on February 13, and requested – as a percentage match for the DLTA funding request – \$1,000-\$2,500 (with a minimum of \$1,000) be considered for this project in the FY2018 budget. The SB agreed to put it on its docket for \$2,500, though that amount could very well be whittled downward. AR hopes there will be word soon of awarding of grant monies.
4. There is a request from the Town Clerk for the Board to fill out Form 1, with accompanying documents, related to the Associate Member Bylaw/Telecommunications Facilities Bylaw amendment that passed recently. AR will follow up.
5. MF reports on his brief contact with Mollie Babize (Chair of ZBA) regarding the ZBA's concerns around the proposed Senior Citizens Housing Bylaw. Concerns included: Requirements and costs related to the potential need of reverting a senior housing unit back to its original state; whether the bylaw is more complicated than other, existing Town bylaws; and issues around flexibility in the proposed bylaw.
6. The Abbatiello special permit application inquiry is discussed. MA/RA distribute the application to the Board.
 - a. Some additional forms will be needed for submittal – from Police/Fire Departments, Parks Commission (as Belding Memorial Park is an abutter), Conservation Commission, Board of Health. AR to get these forms ASAP to the Abbatiellos.
 - b. Hearing is scheduled for March 15, 2017, 7:30 pm, at Town Hall.
 - c. JC moves to accept the Abbatiello special permit application, as presented. KM seconds. Motion passes, 5-0.

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7. The Board discusses scheduling for a Special Town Meeting, to vote on the Senior Citizens Housing Bylaw. As the hearing took place on 10-19-2016 and there is a six-month time limit for town vote, the meeting will need to take place no later than the middle of April. MF will notify the Select Board. KM moves to request from the Select Board an early- to mid-April date for Senior Citizens Housing Bylaw Town vote. JC seconds. Motion passes, 5-0.

8. KM moves to adjourn. LPW seconds. Motion passes, 5-0. Meeting is adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Alan Rice, Clerk