

**Planning Board
Meeting Minutes of March 7, 2012**

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

The meeting is called to order at 7:39pm.

1. Board reviews the February 15, 2012 minutes. AR moves to accept the minutes, as amended LPW seconds and all vote in favor.
2. AR moves to hire Brittany Martin of 1109 Conway Road, Ashfield, MA to record legal minutes for the Board. LPW seconds and all vote in favor.
3. AR recaps February 16, 2012 meeting for the Open Space and Recreation Plan Update, hasn't been formally approved, met with Peter Dodson & Associates, discuss what needs to be done to complete the project.
 - a. Another survey must be conducted and sent out to public – office is concerned by the out of date information.
 - b. Five year action plan – each board in town set up – needs updating.
 - c. Needs to be letter that indicates town is meeting – required at public parks ADA – taking measures to follow rules and regulations from Disability Act.
 - d. Mary Praus talked about funding possible to facilitate work. Dodson Associates originally did the project and will do some of this work.. The timeline to complete this work is by July 2013.
4. LPW attended Shelburne Falls event, will update the Board when more members arrive.
5. Board discusses bond. MF hasn't seen the report and release for bond – he did receive an email that said it would be sent soon.
6. Board discusses mapping services and reviews letter from Mr. Norman Russell, Chairman from GIS mapping services. MF will call to inquire if we can use their mapping services.
7. MF discusses buffet on solar permitting on March 29, 2012.
8. Board discusses Cranston's Tree Farm's solar voltaic development. AR suggested Thomas come to a Planning Board meeting.
9. AR states that a Ms. Preston-Wells is running as an incumbent on the Planning Board.
10. Board reviews and edits the wind turbine siting draft bylaw. The following items are discussed:
 - a. 8.0 – change to 13.0;

- b. 8.1.1 – remove first sentence completely; move last sentence to the beginning; change (6) months to: (12) months; add: a) add language regarding turbines not generating electricity for a period of 12 months or longer.;
- c. 8.2.1 – first sentence, second line, change ‘operate’ to: ‘produce electricity’;
- d. 8.2.2 – change to 8.2.3;
- e. ADD: 8.2.2 – town must give notice to Owner by registered mail 90 days prior to entering property and removal of wind facility.;
- f. 8.3 – Move to Applications;
- g. 8.3.2 – change ‘Applicant’ to: ‘Owner/Operator’; add to the end of the first sentence: or other professional suitable to the SPGA;
- h. 8.3.3 – make the second sentence 8.3.4;
- i. 8.3.4 – change to 8.3.5; first line, change to read: Funds for decommissioning shall be released to the Owner/Operator when he/she has demonstrated to the SPGA that decommissioning has been completed satisfactorily. Funds may be released upon written approval of the SPGA in order to implement plans for decommission.;
- j. 9.0 – change to ‘Inquires, Comments and/or Complaints; first line, remove Applicant or Facility’;
- k. 10.0 – change to ‘Enforcement & Administration’;
- l. Remove 10.0.1
- m. 10.0.2 – delete ‘If the alleged violation does not pose an immediate threat to public health or safety,’;
- n. 10.0.4 – add ‘Continued violations of flicker or noise standards shall result in cease to order.
- o. 11.0 – change ‘Applicant’ to ‘Owner/Operator’;
- p. 13.0 – change to 14.1

Meeting adjourns at 9:13 pm.
Respectfully submitted,
Brittany Martin