

**Ashfield Planning Board
Minutes of January 20, 2010**

Members Present: Michael Fitzgerald (MF), Chair
Judy Haupt (JH)
Sarah Holbrook (SH)

Others Present: David Kulp, David Newell, Betty Stewart, Doug Cranson,

The meeting is called to order at 7:35 pm.

1. The Board reviews and accepts the January 6, 2010 minutes as amended.
2. Review of the Planning Board Annual Report 2010. One correction is made.
3. JH reports that she is unable to attend next Thursday's COG Planning Board meeting and invites another member of the board to attend. SH expresses interest.
4. Board reviews mail. It is noted that the Planning Board letter in support of the CPA was sent to the Select Board.
5. JH reports that she sent C. Viehmann a card on behalf of the Board.
6. The Telecommunications Committee joins the Board for an informational session. They are investigating avenues / ideas to improve telecommunication in Ashfield. The following items are discussed:
 - To create mapping that will illustrate best and possibly worst locations; in town for cell towers, including the degrees of reception according to cell tower heights
 - Telecommunications Board to contact other towns who have undergone a similar project (Wendell);
 - The process of creating or changing a bylaw;
 - The possibility of the Telecommunications Committee applying for a HCI small-grant;
 - Telecommunications Committee is following the fiber-optics project that may be coming up Rt. 116.

The meeting ends at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Sussbauer

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