

Planning Board Minutes
February 7, 2013

The Town of Cambridge Planning Board held its regular monthly meeting, Thursday, February 7, 2013, 7:30 PM, at the Town Hall.

Members present: Eric Pearson, Judy Leon, Jerry Moppert, Dan Thomas, Earl Horton, Bob Hamilton

Absent: Stuart Ziehm

Others present: Supervisor William Watkins

Chairman Pearson called the meeting to order and presided. New member Bob Hamilton was welcomed by Mr. Pearson and board members.

Minutes

Eric Pearson motioned, seconded by Judy Leon, to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2013 meeting as mailed by the Secretary with no additions or corrections.

Vote: 5 – Ayes 1 – abstain

Communications

A note will be sent to Charlotte Banzhaf recognizing her many years of faithful service to the planning board.

At the Secretary's request, the March meeting will be held on the second Thursday of the month which is March 14th.

Unfinished Business

Chairman Pearson stated he has contacted John Pedersen, a Town of Jackson resident and a member of the Washington County Planning Board, to see if he would be willing to come to the Cambridge Planning Board to share his knowledge about planning issues. He agreed to come as early as next month. However, he did request that members e-mail him their questions in advance of the meeting so he can do the research and produce the essential documentation to support his answers.

Motion by Jerry Moppert

Seconded by Judy Leon

Be It Resolved, the Town of Cambridge Planning Board does hereby authorize Chairman Pearson to contact John Pedersen with the intent of Mr. Pedersen attending a meeting to discuss planning issues.

Vote: 6 – Ayes 0 – Noes

The Secretary will advertise the meeting making sure to invite the public.

New Business

Chairman Pearson commented he has received two phone calls in the past month from people inquiring about the town's regulations. The call from a New York person asked about zoning and site plan review. The Pennsylvania call was from a builder of cell phone towers. Mr. Pearson said he referred both calls to the Supervisor. Supervisor Watkins added the caller from Pennsylvania said he already has 3 or 4 sites picked out to build on. A discussion then followed between Supervisor Watkins and board members concerning the need for cell phone towers in the town and should the town be thinking about instituting regulations to govern them. Mr. Watkins stated the town board is currently working on dump regulations.

Jerry Moppert commented that it is important where the towers are located. They should be inconspicuous so as not to interfere with the beauty of the town.

Chairman Pearson interjected that maybe it's time to open up a discussion on zoning since a lot of things can be regulated in that manner. Instead of talking about what we don't want let's talk about what we do want for the town.

2012 Data

Jerry Moppert stated he will review the 2012 data from the Code Enforcement Department and the Assessor's Office at a future meeting because all the information, as yet, has not been received. The information is helpful because it makes the planning board aware of the activity that has happened in the town over the past year.

There was no further business before the board. Judy Leon motioned, seconded by Jerry Moppert, and carried, to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Eddy
Secretary

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