

The Town of Cambridge Planning Board held its regular monthly meeting Thursday, July 5, 2012, 7:30 PM at the Town Hall.

Members present: Eric Pearson, Earl Horton, Dan Thomas, Jerry Moppert, Judy Leon, Stuart Ziehm, Secretary Sally Eddy

Absent: Charlotte Banzhaf

No one from the public was in attendance.

Chairman Eric Pearson called the meeting to order and presided He introduced and welcomed new member Judy Leon to the board.

Minutes

Jerry Moppert motioned, seconded by Judy Leon, to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2012 meeting as mailed by the Secretary with no additions or corrections.

Vote: 6–Ayes 0–Noes

Communications

Members were reminded about two upcoming training courses for planning and zoning officials:

1. Wednesday July 11, 2012 at the county building two sessions will be held: Subdivision Review from 5:00–7:00 PM; Site Plan Review from 7:30–8:30 PM. Cost is \$20 per participant.
2. Thursday, July 12, 2012 from 5:30–9:30 PM at the Fort Edward Fire House a presentation will be given by the law firm of FitzGerald, Morris, Baker, Firth on general planning & zoning topics, reading maps and surveys, SEQR, case law updates and other hands-on useful information. Also, the revisions to the Environmental Assessment Forms, which go into effect Oct. 1, 2012, will be discussed. Cost is \$20 per person.

Unfinished Business

Jerry Moppert presented a summary of the data he collected pertaining to new residential construction within the town covering the past twelve years. There was a total of 61 new residential building permits issued which averaged out to be 5 per year.

In addition, he tabulated data from the Real Property System pertaining to the total assessed value of the town for each year starting with 2007 through 2011. In 2007, the total assessed value was \$204,097,566 and in 2011 it was \$206,981,189, an increase of \$2,883,623 or 1.4 percent. Overall, for the last five years the total assessed value has increased an average of 0.3 percent per year. The next phase of his project is to look at exemptions and their effect on the tax base.

New Business

There were no new subdivisions presented to the board for consideration.

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was moved and carried to adjournment at 8:05 PM by a motion made by Jerry Moppert, seconded by Eric Pearson, and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Eddy, Secretary

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