

AMHERST PLANNING BOARD
Wednesday, December 5, 2007 – 7:00 PM
Town Room, Town Hall
MINUTES

PRESENT: Aaron Hayden, Chair; Richard Howland, Ludmilla Pavlova-Gillham, Jonathan O’Keeffe, Eduardo Suarez, Denise Barberet, Jonathan Shefftz (7:10 PM), Kathleen Anderson (7:13 PM), Susan Pynchon (7:16 PM)

ABSENT: No One

STAFF: Jonathan Tucker, Planning Director; Sue Krzanowski, Management Assistant

Mr. Hayden opened the meeting at 7:09 PM.

I. NEW BUSINESS

A. Town Meeting – Follow-Up

Mr. Hayden noted that Mr. Tucker had provided a draft list of proposed zoning amendments for the 2008 Annual Town Meeting. Mr. Tucker also reviewed the issues which had been raised at the 2007 Special Town Meeting. In addition to the proposed list of amendments, the Planning Board will also need to respond to any petition articles which may be filed. Two articles (18 & 19) were referred back to the Board. Six articles were adopted by Town Meeting (Articles 1, 10, 11, 12, 15 & 16).

The Board signed the certification forms which will be submitted to the Attorney General’s office.

B. Meeting Schedule

The Planning Board and Zoning Subcommittee agreed to meet on January 16 & 30, 2008. There will be a joint Training Session with the Zoning Board of Appeals on January 31, 2008.

II. OLD BUSINESS – None

III. FORM A (ANR) SUBDIVISION APPLICATIONS

The Chair endorsed the following:

ANR2008-00005, Belchertown Road – Sabrina Realty Partnership

IV. UPCOMING ZBA APPLICATIONS

The Board decided not to review the following:

ZBA2008-00016, 100 Sunderland Road – John A. Jernigan

ZBA2008-00017, 1040 North Pleasant Street – New Puffton Limited Partnership

ZBA2008-00018, 134 Summer Street – Christopher Monteiro

V. UPCOMING SPP/SPR/SUB APPLICATIONS – None

VI. PLANNING BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Zoning** – Mr. O’Keeffe said that he would like to join the Zoning Subcommittee.

Ms. Pavlova-Gillham MOVED: to appoint Mr. O’Keeffe to the Zoning Subcommittee. Mr. Howland seconded, and the Motion passed 9-0.

- B. Atkins Working Group** – Although there was no report, Mr. Tucker informed the Board that Veridian Village is scheduled to make a presentation on their upcoming development at the January 16 meeting.

VII. PLANNING BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Pioneer Valley Planning Commission** – No Report

- B. Community Preservation Act Committee** – Ms. Barberet said the Committee was unable to meet because they did not achieve a quorum.

- C. Agricultural Commission** – Ms. Pynchon said that the Commission is planning the second Farmers Forum to be held in early April.

- D. Comprehensive Planning Committee** – Mr. Hayden said that the Subcommittee has been working on final edits to the draft plan before sending it on to ACP. The intent is to get a single document back from ACP and then make the decision on what to do with it.

In response to requests for copies, Mr. Tucker said that it is pretty much a work in progress and suggested that people wait until the draft comes back from ACP.

- E. Flood Prone Conservancy Task Force** – Mr. Tucker said that the next fly over is scheduled to take place in 2010.

VIII. REPORT OF THE CHAIR – Mr. Hayden thanked everyone for all of the hard work in preparing and getting through Town Meeting, noting that it was hectic and a lot more work than usual.

IX. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR – Mr. Tucker echoed Mr. Hayden’s thanks and said that staff appreciated the extraordinary effort. It helps to talk to people early in the process, he noted.

Thanks were extended all around, including citizen involvement and Town Meeting members.

Mr. Tucker noted that budget negotiations are beginning and said that he may be asking the Board for assistance as the process goes on.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Howland MOVED: to adjourn this meeting at 8:00 PM. Ms. Anderson seconded, and the Motion passed 9-0.

Respectfully submitted:

Sue Krzanowski, Management Assistant

Approved:

Aaron A. Hayden, Chair

DATE: _____