

Charlemont Planning Board
Meeting 2/4/2016
Minutes

Members present: Robert Malone, Chair, Carlene Hayden, Gisela Walker.
Michael Hayden, public citizen
The Chair opened the meeting at 7.00 pm

Motion to accept minutes of 1/21/16 (RM moved, CH second, all in favor)

Board reviewed mail, three notices from abutting towns: Shelburne, Buckland and Colrain Notices for zoning related public hearings.

The Board then went over the next several steps to get the zoning amendment process going for annual town meeting. First step is to get on the agenda for the BoS meeting to get their endorsement of the process. CH will make request for March 7 meeting, the Chair said he could attend. Next the Board will set the meeting on March 17 aside for the public to learn about the proposed zoning changes before the official Public Hearing scheduled for May 5.

After the March 17 Board meeting the amendments will be submitted to town counsel.

In anticipation of several scheduling challenges the **next meeting** of the Board has been moved to **February 25** (instead of 2/18).

The Board engaged in another discussion of the urgent need to find more volunteers; in March we may be down to 2 members and one Associate for hearings. The Board expressed regret at the difficulty in finding members.

In that context CH suggested that the P Bd urge the BoS to put on town meeting warrant the need to change the town bylaw that prohibits members of certain Boards to also serve on certain other Boards; especially the inclusion of the School Committee in this seems irrelevant as it relates to the Planning Board.

Chair moved to close the meeting at 8 pm, CH 2nd, all in favor

Submitted by Gisela Walker

Documents Reviewed Meeting of 2/4/16

1. Minutes of 1/21/16
2. Hearing notices from Buckland, Shelburne & Colrain
3. Gisela's timeline for zoning amendments