

# Charlemont Planning Board

## May 19, 2016 Meeting Minutes

### Members Present:

Robert Malone, Chair, Carlene Hayden, Gisela Walker

### Others Present:

Gabe Porter-Henry

### Call to Order

Planning Board Chair Robert Malone called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

### Item # 1: 7:00 Appointment, Gabe Porter-Henry, from Berkshire East

Gabe Porter-Henry attended the meeting to discuss the installation of a kid's netted aerial adventure, to be located across from the child care center at Berkshire East. Porter-Henry explained that the activity will be for children only, will have ten elements (activities) and will start at 12' elevation and increase in varying heights. He showed pictures of the elements and explained that there will be no harnesses needed, as it will be entirely netted below. After reviewing which documents would be needed for submittal with the application, the Board set a tentative hearing date of June 16, 2016.

### Item # 2: Approval of minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes from their 4/28/16 & 5/5/16 minutes. On a motion by Hayden and seconded by Walker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

### Item # 3: Discussion of Zoning Bylaw Revisions

The Board discussed Town Counsel's suggested amendments to their bylaw revisions. It was discussed that since they would not be changing the appeal process, Malone could amend the warrant article on Town Meeting floor. Hayden would amend the public information and other documents accordingly, as well.

### Item # 4: Request for discussion on becoming a green community

The Board reviewed an email from Town Administrator Peg Dean regarding energy assessments and funds available to the Town, if they became a Green Community. After discussion as to the fact that the subject was brought up previously and there was no interest and there was much more regulation required, the Board decided it was not interested in pursuing this.

### Item # 5: Review of Mail & Correspondence

The Board reviewed the building construction report for March, 2016.

### Item # 6: Planning Board roles at Town Meeting

It was discussed that Malone would read the Planning Board recommendation on the zoning bylaw amendments to Town Meeting and would amend the warrant article and the rest of the Board would support him.

### Adjournment

Business having been completed, Planning Board Chair Malone adjourned the meeting at 8:50 P.M. It was noted that Dan Miller and William Harker were running as write-in candidates for Planning Board.

**The next meeting of the Planning Board is June 2, 2016 at 7:00 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Carlene Hayden

**Documents viewed in the meeting of 5/19/16**

1. Pictures of children's aerial adventure elements
2. Minutes from the meetings of 4/28/16 & 5/5/16
3. Town Counsel recommendations on zoning bylaw revisions, dated 5/16/16
4. Proposed revisions to the zoning bylaws
5. Warrant article on amendments to the Zoning Bylaws
6. Email from Town Administrator Peg Dean regarding Green Communities, dated 5/18/16
7. Building construction report for March, 2016.