

Charlemont Planning Board
2/2/17 Meeting Minutes

Members present: Robert Malone, Chair, Carlene Hayden, Gisela Walker

The Chair called meeting to order at 7.10pm

Motion to approve minutes of 1/19/17 as written by GW, RM second, all in favor.

The 7.30 appointment by Mr. Bill Ladd was a 'no show'. He had expressed some interest in pursuing a moto cross establishment in town.

Review Mail:

Notice of intent to put the East Charlemont School House on the National Register. The Board saw no need to take action but wondered who has applied for this step.

The Annual Conference of the Citizen Planner Training Collaborative (CPTC) is on March 19. No one expressed interest in attending; GW will be out of the country.

Discussion items:

A written report from the BoH of a workshop on marijuana legalization issues at the COG was reviewed but the Board saw no need for action such as a moratorium. Charlemont has a marijuana overlay district bylaw.

Board members reviewed Sr. Planner Pat Smith's written clarification on the changes to the dimensional setbacks made in the last zoning changes and how they relate to a waiver needed by an applicant from the ZBA. Since the town has no standing ZBA except for one member efforts are on the way to recruit ad hoc members to handle this request.

Based on CHayden's review of last year's budget she felt confident to reduce the FY 2018 budget request for the Planning Board to \$850 given the tight financial situation of the town. RM moves to accept budget recommendation, GW second, all in favor.

Follow-Up items:

The new owners of Coffee Bean have not responded to the Board's invitation to come in and review their special permit. The new name will be 90 Main Street. The abutters would like to be notified of any opportunity to clarify potential parking space confusion between the two properties.

Items 2,3,and 4 re motor vehicle sales and licenses had seen no action.

CH informed the Board that we will make use of a temporary staff person to start scanning our files, or at least some of them, so that over time the Board will be liberated from having to crawl into the dark attic at night to look at their files!!! We appreciate the opportunity. GW expressed concerns about public documents needing to be handled with great scrutiny. Carlene will be supervising the staff and will develop a consistent protocol.

GW agreed to compile a list of special permit holders of the past 6 years who have neglected to file their permits with the Registry of Deeds and will inquire what the legal consequences of that omission might be.

Motion to adjourn by GW, 2nd by CH, all in favor at 8pm

Next meeting on February 16, 2017.

Respectfully submitted by Gisela Walker

Documents viewed:

Minutes from 1/19/17

East Charlemont School nomination for registrar of historic places

Email print out from Pat Smith re set back waivers

Planning Board FY 2018 budget request

Marijuana workshop report from Board of Health

CPTC Spring conference agenda