



Town of Southwick

Planning Board

MINUTES



Tuesday, February 25, 2020

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Michael Doherty, Chair
Marcus Phelps, Vice Chair
David Sutton
Jessica Thornton, Associate
Alan Slessler, Town Planner

ABSENT: David Spina
Richard Utzinger

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Planning Board was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Mr. Doherty. He stated that the meeting was being recorded and asked if anyone in the audience was recording the meeting. Joe Deedy as well as Dennis Hackett from Westfield News are recording.

PLANNER'S REPORT: 7:05 P.M.

1. Select Board would like a recommendation for Revere Road acceptance. There were a lot of outstanding items to be addressed.
2. Researched parcels for possible Solar Bylaw modifications. Parcels for 20 Acres, 30 Acres, 40 Acres and fifty Acres.
3. New property owners of 7 and 9 Lakeview Street and 90 Point Grove Road have asked for Storm Water Management Permit.
4. New owners of #797 College Highway have asked for a special permit for a used car sales.
5. Attended budget hearing on Saturday 2/22/2020

PUBLIC COMMENTS: 7:10 P.M.

1. Corinne Pooler addressed the issue of solar appearance, she lives near Miller Rd. area, and she thinks they look ugly during season when trees have no leaves.

APPOINTMENTS:

7:15 p.m. Solar Bylaw Revision Discussion

The Solar Bylaw was discussed in regards to utility service and acreage and how other towns have changed their bylaws. There was discussion on visual mitigation regarding the public. The discussion will be continued to a public hearing March 24, 2020@ 7:45.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Phelps and **SECONDED** by Mr. Sutton to continue discussion on the Solar Bylaw. Vote was unanimous.

ROUTINE BUSINESS:

8:00p.m. 258 Feeding Hills Road Sign Discussion

The sign at Moolicious, 258 Feeding Hills Road, was discussed in further detail. A Letter from the Building Inspector did not shed on any further clarity on issuance of the sign permit. It was decided that a Public Hearing should be held on amending the Sign Bylaw in regards to electronic signs for Agricultural Use and also discuss restrictions on these signs. A hearing has been set up for April 7, 2020 @ 7:15.

8:30 p.m. Minutes

A MOTION was made by Mr. Phelps and **SECONDED** by Mr. Sutton to accept the minutes of February 11, 2020. The motion passed unanimously.

Being no further business to be brought before the Board, **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Sutton and **SECONDED** by Mr. Phelps to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Vote was unanimous.

Michael Doherty_____
Chair

Marcus Phelps_____
Vice Chair

David Sutton_____

Jessica Thornton_____
Associate Member

Respectfully submitted,
Meghan Lightcap

The Next Meeting is March 24, 2020