

PLANNING BOARD

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GREENFIELD PLANNING BOARD Minutes of July 15, 2010 Greenfield Police Station

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. with the following members:

PRESENT: Roxann Wedegartner, Chair; Linda Smith, Vice-chair; Clayton Sibley; James Allen; and alternate Joshua Parker

ABSENT: Mary Newton and Tim Gorts

Discussion Items

a. Proposed Zone Change for a Portion of Mohawk Trail by Steve Andrews

The Board discussed Mr. Andrews proposal with regard to whether or not the Planning Board should bring forward the zone change or ask Mr. Andrews to bring it forward as a citizen request. Mr. Andrews would like the Scotch Mist property which he owns to be designated a commercial zone as he'd like to reopen the business as a fine-dining restaurant. The Board also discussed which commercial zone would be the most advantageous to recommend to Mr. Andrews, Limited Commercial or General Commercial. Wedegartner and Smith expressed their concern about the Planning Board bringing forward this zone change request as it was initiated by Mr. Andrews. Both members believed and were supported by other members present that since one of the parcels to be considered for rezoning is owned by a Town Councilor, that it would be better for Mr. Andrews to initiate the change request. The Board then discussed the two potential zone designations and came to the conclusion that Limited Commercial would give the landowners the most options for by-right use.

Motion: **Moved by Linda Smith, seconded by Clayton Sibley and voted 4:0 to notify Steve Andrews to initiate the proposed zone change as a citizen's petition and recommends that he ask for a Limited Commercial designation.**

b. Consideration for a Zone Change at 51 Allen Street (Conway Street School)

Wedegartner announced that Eric Twarog wanted to present the Board with a couple of different options for rezoning this property. He was unable to attend the meeting to do so, so the discussion was postponed until the August 5th meeting.

Other Business

Wedegartner reported to the Board on the presentation by Stuart Beckly, Planning Director, Easthampton, MA on the Easthampton Master Plan process. She also updated the Board on the timing of the financial request for funding to do the Greenfield Master Plan. The money will be requested as part of next years Block Development Grant. Funding, if available, would be granted in early summer of 2011.

Next Meeting

Next meeting is set for Thursday, August 5, 2010 at 7:00.

Adjournment

MOTION: Moved by Smith, seconded by Allen, and voted 4:0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Twarog, AICP
Senior Planner/GIS Coordinator