

PLANNING BOARD

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GREENFIELD PLANNING BOARD

Minutes of July 19, 2012

Department of Planning & Development – 114 Main Street

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson at 7:09 p.m. with the following members:

PRESENT: Roxann Wedegartner, Chair; Mary Newton, Clerk; Jim Allen; and Clayton Sibley

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor William Martin; Eric Twarog, Director of Planning and Development; President David Singer, Counselor Patrick Devlin, Councilor Norman Hirschfield, and Councilor Keith Zaltzberg of the Town Council; and Denise Leonard, Chair of the Greenfield Agricultural Commission.

ABSENT: Linda Smith, Vice-chair

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Moved by Sibley, seconded by Allen and voted 3:0 to approve the meeting minutes from June 21, 2012.

MOTION: Moved by Sibley, seconded by Allen and voted 3:0 to approve the meeting minutes from May 17, 2012.

Discussion Items

a. Proposed Zoning Amendments

Wedegartner reviewed the history of the proposed zoning amendments on solar installations for the benefit of Denise Leonard, Chair of the Greenfield Agricultural Commission. Twarog read the proposed changes to the three revised zoning amendments to the Board and Town Councilors. The Board discussed the proposed amendments and revisions with the members of the Town Council. The Board reached consensus that the proposed zoning amendments should be forwarded to Town Counsel for a legal review.

b. Master Plan RFP Review/Selection Committee

The Board continued the discussion of the size and makeup of the Master Plan Steering Committee. The Board also discussed the offer of the LARP Studio of UMass and where it would fit in the Master Plan process. The Board reached consensus that accepting this offer would complicate an already complicated process and therefore agreed to decline this offer. The Board also felt that other communities with little to no funding would benefit from this offer over Greenfield.

Adjournment

MOTION: Moved by Sibley, seconded by Newton, and voted 4:0 to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Twarog, AICP
Director of Planning and Development