

PLANNING BOARD

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GREENFIELD PLANNING BOARD

Minutes of February 5, 2009

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; Jim Allen, Mary Newton, Clayton Sibley and Tracey Sutphin.

Also in attendance were Carlene Millett; Permits Manager, Nancy Hazard; Greening Greenfield and Sandy Thomas.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Smith seconded by Allen and voted 4:0 (Sibley abstained) to approve the minutes from January 29, 2009.

Greening Greenfield Power Point Presentation by Nancy Hazard

Nancy thanked the Board for having her and explained that she is part of Greening Greenfield Campaign, a citizen's collaborative effort concerned with climate change and rising fuel costs and energy use. Hazard explained that the Mayor gave approval for Greenfield to join in 2007, and that the goal of the campaign is zero Greenfield energy leaving the region by 2050. The presentation showed examples of ways the Town could cut energy use, showed different types of energy, their cost and how much of it actually left the region. Solar Village was used as a model of zero net energy homes. The presentation also showed the energy loss per square foot of some of the Town buildings, among some of the highest being Davis Street administration building, the Police Station and the transfer station. Hazard added that Greening Greenfield holds many workshops and events on saving energy and reducing climate change emissions. Hazard told the Board they could contact her for more information or visit the website at www.greeninggreenfield.org. The Board asked Hazard if some of this information could be made available to them and Hazard agreed to provide it to the Board. The Board thanked Nancy for her time.

Discussion of Zoning Amendments

The Board finished discussing and revising proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance, and after a few clarifications from the Senior Planner, expect to vote on the amendments at their next meeting.

Board and Staff Reports

The Board discussed the new procedure for mailing of board packets. Wedegartner pointed out that as a result of budget cuts and the financial crisis, the Mayor has instructed the Planning Department to prepare the board packets and call Board members to let them know when they will be in the Department of Planning and Development for pickup. Millett stated that she could also email smaller packets. Discussion ensued as to the fact that the Board members were volunteers shouldn't be expected to use their ink and paper to print documents for meetings.

Correspondence:

- a. Millett explained that Al Norman had submitted a letter regarding the proposed amendments last week and asked that it be read to the members at the Planning Board meeting. Millett read the letter into the record.
- b. Abandonment/discontinuance petition. The Board reviewed a petition for the abandonment/discontinuance of a portion of Silvio O Conte Drive. There was no action required by the Planning Board.

Adjournment

MOTION: Moved by Sibley, seconded by Newton, and voted 5:0 to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carlene Millett
Permits Manager