

PLANNING BOARD

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JOINT GREENFIELD PLANNING BOARD/EDC MEETING **Minutes of September 15, 2009** **Greenfield Police Station**

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. with the following members:

PRESENT: Planning Board members Roxann Wedegartner, Chair; Mary Newton, Clerk; Jim Allen; Clayton Sibley and Alternate Tim Gorts.

EDC members Dan Guin, Chair; Tom McLellan; and Mark Maloney.

Also in attendance were Jordi Herold, John Waite, Executive Director of the Franklin County CDC and Attorney Adam Costa from the law firm of Blatman, Bobrowski & Mead, LLC.

ABSENT: Linda Smith, Vice-Chairwoman of the Planning Board

The Public Hearing was to begin at 6:30 p.m. However, while the Planning Board was present, the EDC consisted only of Dan Guin and Tom McLellan. As the EDC did not have a quorum at 6:30 p.m., Dan Guin made phone calls and Mark Maloney was finally able to join the EDC at 7:01 p.m. In the interim, the Planning Board conducted the following business:

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Moved by Sibley, seconded by Allen and voted 4:0:1 to approve the meeting minutes from August 20, 2009. Newton abstained as she was absent from that meeting.

MOTION: Moved by Sibley seconded by Newton and voted 3:0:2 to approve the meeting minutes from August 26, 2009. Allen and Gorts abstained as they were absent from that meeting.

Public Hearing

The public hearing on M.G.L. Chapter 43D Expedited Permitting proposed zoning amendments was opened by Guin at 7:02 p.m. and the public hearing notice was read into the record.

Concern for the time guidelines were discussed as well as a question if this item was going to be heard at the next Town Council meeting. It was stated that the Chapter 43D issue was not on the agenda for the Town Council on Sept 16th but it was on the Town Council's October 20th agenda.

Attorney Adam Costa stated positive reasons for supporting Chapter 43D and a streamlined application process. It was discussed that the application would, in the near future, have a cover sheet that listed all items to be included in the application package and that the application would not be considered complete until all of these items were checked off. That way the time clock would not begin ticking on a project until it was deemed that all items pertinent to the project were completed and checked off on this cover sheet. The EDC and Planning Board members discussed the Chapter 43D issue. Guin asked for any further discussion or to close the Public Hearing.

MOTION: Moved by Maloney, second by McLellan, voted positively by all members of both boards to close public hearing at 7:21 p.m.

Wedegartner stated there was no other business for the Planning Board and asked for motion to adjourn.

Adjournment

MOTION: Moved by Newton seconded by Sibley, and voted 5:0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Newton
Clerk