

Planning Board Minutes
November 6, 2014

The Town of Cambridge Planning Board held its regular monthly meeting, Thursday, November 6, 2014, 7:30 PM, at the Town Hall.

Members present: Eric Pearson, Bob Hamilton, Judy Leon, Stuart Ziehm, Earl Horton, Dan Thomas, Secretary Sally Eddy

Others present: Town Clerk Heather Trinkle, Nicholas Hamilton and one other person

Chairman Pearson called the meeting to order and presided.

Minutes

Eric Pearson motioned, seconded by Earl Horton, to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2014 meeting as mailed by the Secretary with no additions or corrections.

Vote: 6 – Ayes 0 – Noes

Communications

Chairman Pearson related he had a conversation with Councilman Gerald Skiff about the vacancy on the Planning Board and the inability to fill it. Mr. Skiff confirmed that even though the position had been advertised no one came forward showing any interest. A full board is 7 members and the board is currently operating with 6. Mr. Pearson suggested dropping the size of the full board down to 5 members and keeping a sixth person on as an alternate. The alternate would attend meetings when a regular member is unable to do so and would have the privilege of voting on matters before the board. Several questions arose. Among them were: 1) How would the alternate be kept informed about the matters and business before the board if he/she doesn't attend every meeting?; 2) How would that person get paid?; 3) What's the legal procedure of changing from a 7 member board to a 5 member board? Many details need to be worked out. Mr. skiff will take the suggestion to the Town Board for their consideration and input.

Report on Training Courses

Earl Horton and Bob Hamilton attended the recent continuing education classes at the county on October 22. The topics covered were: Farmland Protection and Agricultural Viability, and Site Plan Review. They gave a brief report and stated that, overall, it was a good meeting, very well run. The speakers were informed and knowledgeable.

Unfinished Business

Nicholas Hamilton stated the survey for the subdivision of Helen Hamilton Estate was not ready yet and did not give a date for its completion. There have been some problems.

No New Business

Adjournment

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was moved and carried to adjournment at 7:55 PM by a motion made by Judy Leon, seconded by Eric Pearson, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Eddy, Secretary

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