

Charlemont Planning Board
Meeting 3/17/16
Minutes

Members present: Robert Malone, Chair; Carlene Hayden, Gisela Walker

Chair opened meeting at 7.05

No member of the public attended to learn about proposed zoning changes.

Board approved minutes of 1/21/16 unanimously.

Board discussed need for additional members and need to change the State Law that prohibits members of the School Committee to serve also on the Planning Board. Carlene has learned from the Ethics Commission that – though a State Law- a small town can vote to ignore that ruling, so long as Attorney General’s Office allows it. RM Motion to request of the Bd of Selectmen to follow up on our recommendation to bring this issue to a vote at town meeting (RM, CH2nd, all yes)

Board reviewed correspondence. No discussion.

Board discussed process to bring our zoning amendments asap to town counsel for review before the Public Hearing on May 5th. CH will send all the materials to Town Clerk tomorrow assuming they will be packaged with other town counsel materials... GW will make Town Clerk aware of the timing needs.

CH reported that the Building Dept. has told us that at times applicants who received permits do not file them with the Registry of Deeds before they come to them for building permit. Bd. Will remind them routinely.

CH reported that a resident has inquired about his wish to start up a farm animal rescue operation on his residence. Board needs input from Animal Inspector and GW will talk to a staff at the Ag. Department. To be continued in May.

Discussion of upcoming meetings: Walker will be gone all of April, Hayden from 3/23 to 4/8; this leaves no possible Board meeting until 4/22. This was aligned with the timing needs for the zoning changes.

Motion to adjourn at 8.05 (GW,CH2nd, all yes) Next meeting 4/22 and 5/5

Respectfully submitted by Gisela Walker

Documents Reviewed Meeting of 3/17/16

1. Minutes from 1/21/16
2. Building construction reports for January & February, 2016
3. Various workshop fliers