



Williamsburg Planning Board

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Minutes of meeting for February 1, 2010:

Members: Roger Bisbee, Neal Anderson, Steve Snow, Jim Locke
Others present: Paul Zononi

Chairman Bisbee called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Discussion:

- Bisbee noted Andy Soles has resigned from the board, citing too many commitments
- Paul Zononi wants to survey his sugar house off his parents' property. Total property is 2.8 acres with 600 lf. frontage, and extends to the edge of the river. There is frontage enough but dividing lot is not possible per board opinion. Board advised Zononi to talk to Building Inspector.
- Jim presented letter to Selectboard re: zoning enforcement, and will make clean copy for Bisbee to send to Selectboard over his signature.
- More discussion of sign bylaw. NA noted Belchertown's ordinance allows grandfathered signs, but requires signs to be brought into conformance with any change of use or expansion. NA and SS noted Belchertown's bylaw is very clear, and does not seem verbose. NA volunteered to promote such a lengthy bylaw to the Town at meeting if asked. Three main issues to get straight: enforcement, future risks without a solid bylaw, and fairness to all businesses. NA recommended we all imagine our three worst-case existing signs and see how they are handled by our current bylaw. RB wants to see 1. zoning district variation; 2. definitions for internal illumination/lettering, and 3. multiple-business signs.
- Members were urged to complete their biennial ethics test at www.mass.gov/ethics.
- NA moved board budget at same request as last year (\$750), passed unanimous
- Members are urged to recruit replacement members
- PB meeting adjourned 8:42 PM. Next regular meeting 3/1/10, 7 PM, Rm. 202

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Locke