

Williamsburg Planning Board



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Minutes of meeting for January 4, 2010:

Commissioners present: Roger Bisbee, Tim McQueston, Steve Snow, Andy Soles, Jim Locke, Neal Anderson
Others present: Martin Mahoney, 7:18

Chairman Bisbee called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM

- Motion made to accept minutes of meetings of 12-7-09 and 12-21-09; seconded, agreed unanimous
- A reminder was discussed for members to complete and hand in their Ethics tests
- Bisbee read a PVPC letter dated 12-17-09 announcing technical assistance available on request under the MA 2010 District Local Technical Assistance Program, DLTA. Requests are due 1-17-10. Board agreed to forward this letter to the Selectboard to see if anyone else can use it.
- Anderson proposed members go through existing bylaw (signs), find deficiencies, assign each to a member, and bring research to the Board. (see below)
- Mahoney said he'd seen our 11/16/09 minutes and had a few comments re our discussion with the Building Inspector that date.
 - BI stated he required a complaint to investigate a violation – not true; he should act on what he sees.
 - Statute of Limitations on Building Permit matters is 6 years, or 10 years if permit is not applied for or was not issued.
 - Signs are illegal if they have not been permitted, with no statute of limitations.
 - Planning Board is party of interest in zoning matters and complaints, and can suggest enforcement
- Soles pointed out there is no mechanism for review of Special Permit projects. Snow asked Mahoney if ZBA is party of interest – yes. All agreed enforcement of existing bylaws and oversight by the Town is poor.
- Board agreed to ask the Selectboard to look into stepping up enforcement of the sign bylaw and other Sections of the Zoning Bylaw, including setbacks, uses, Special Permits, etc. Locke agreed to draft a letter.
- Board discussed sign bylaw, and agreed to have members work on the following sections for next meeting: 9.81, a, 3 Temporary Signs, and 9.81, b, Signs requiring a Building Permit only. We should include a list of definitions as we go.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:48

Next meeting February 1, 2010, 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Locke

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