



Williamsburg Planning Board

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Minutes
for meeting on
Aug 20, 2018
Approved

| Members: | present | not present | | present | not present |
|-----------------|---------|-------------|-------------|---------|-------------|
| Robert Barker | x | | Jean O'Neil | x | |
| Steve Snow | x | | Amy Bisbee | x | |
| Steve Smith | x | | | | |
| Chris Flory | x | | | | |
| Others present: | | | | | |

Chairman Robert Barker called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

- Announcements were two. One, we have received preliminary plans by Hoyle Tanner and Assoc. for future highway work off of route 9. Two, The Complete Streets program has decided first priorities should be child safety. One project to be recommended is a new crossing from South St to the back door of Dunphy School, the other is a crossing light across route 9 to the library.
- Chair Barker confirmed that Fraser Ave is not a public way. This is relative to an ANR from Laurie B. Farkas that was approved at the last meeting, with the contingency that the Chair was able to verify that Fraser Ave is not a public way.
- An agenda item of a solar installation proposal did not appear so was tabled.
- Review of minutes

| Meeting Date: | Comments | Motion to Accept | Motion to Accept as Amended | Second | Vote Yea - Nay |
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| 07/30/18 | | Snow | | Flory | 6-0 |

- Planning bylaw alterations to be considered in the next few months were reviewed, with Airbnbs to be addressed first. Flory mentioned that the state action on taxing and regulating these short-term rentals was stalled in the legislative session that just ended. Barker mentioned that Town Administrator Nardi has requested members of several town boards and committees meet for an initial discussion of this topic and he encouraged PB members to try and attend when it is scheduled. Barker suggested we look at bylaws in Goshen and Northampton for guidance, and Flory said Summerville might have something of use to us. O'Neil mentioned the discussion occurring in Lenox.
- Smith suggested that we use the phrase "short-term rentals" as an umbrella term for airbnbs and other such other sources, B&Bs, and lodging facilities. Our current bylaws need some cleaning as far as definitions and regulations.
- Smith also asked if we could consider junkyards as a future topic.
- The next meetings will be Sep 4 and 17, 2018. The meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean O'Neil