



Williamsburg Planning Board

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Minutes
for meeting on
November 7, 2016
Approved

Members:	present	not present
Jim Locke	x	
Steve Snow	x	
Robert Barker		x
Steve Smith	x	
Charles Dudek		x
Others present:		
Chris Flory, Tom Miranda, John Mazzarino, Fran Tilley, Jeff Bosworth		

Chairman Jim Locke called the meeting to order at 7:03PM.

1. Locke noted that a quorum of Board Members was not present so the Board would not be able to vote on any matters.
2. Attorney Tom Miranda representing Fran Tilley discussed the open questions regarding frontage on Tilley's property at 11 Valley View Road. It was noted that the subdivision control law G.L. c. 41, §81L allows frontage to be counted on "a way in existence when the subdivision control law became effective in the city or town..." In light of this, it was then deemed necessary to determine the date when the Subdivision Control Law was established in Williamsburg.
3. Locke brought up the topic of whether site visits are considered public meetings. This had been discussed at a recent seminar on open meeting laws. The Board discussed whether it would be feasible to avoid discussion during site visits. Without discussion a site visit might not be considered a public meeting. There was a desire to balance openness with an applicant's right to privacy.
4. The meeting adjourned at 8:44PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Smith