



**Minutes**  
for meeting on  
**August 21, 2017**  
**approved**

# *Williamsburg Planning Board*

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<b>Members:</b>	present	not present		present	not present
Robert Barker	x		Chris Flory	x	
Steve Snow	x		Mimi Kaplan		
Steve Smith	x		Jean O'Neil	x	
Charles Dudek	x				
Others present: -					

Chairman Robert Barker called the meeting to order at 7:05PM.

## 1. Review of minutes

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Motion to Accept</b>	<b>Motion to Accept as Amended</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Vote Yea – Nay</b>
8/7/17	Under item 6, “four possible issues” should be “three possible issues.”		Flory	Snow	6 - 0

2. Barker handed out information from KPLaw on marijuana sales establishments, for future discussion.
3. Steve Snow reported on what he heard at an August 7 meeting of the Granby Board of Selectmen where an issue of noise from a gun shooting range was discussed. Citizens at that meeting were given two minutes each to speak. The range seemed to have a special permit in place since 2010. There were questions about who Granby’s enforcement officer was and how that person would be involved in that issue. There would be another meeting on that subject on 8/22.
4. Barker said there were no updates from Dillon Sussman on the PVPA DLTA Zoning Updates Project, as Sussman was on vacation.
5. Barker asked Charles Dudek to summarize a recent ZBA Public Hearing for Valley View Farms. Dudek explained that the applicants had requested a modification of their Special Permit to allow amplified outdoor music and extended hours of operation. Dudek said a few trial events were to be allowed, to give neighbors a chance to evaluate the intensity of the sound.
6. Barker reported that at a recent meeting of the Board of Selectmen, the Selectpersons had asked him more questions about the letter on signs that the Planning Board is drafting. The Select Board was trying to understand how feedback from the letter would be handled.
7. The Board discussed further edits to a draft of the above-mentioned informational letter about the sign bylaw. Chris Flory reported that he had a list of addresses of businesses in town, that he and Brenda Lessard would refine the list, and that Brenda could print the letters and arrange a check so Flory could buy stamps. The Planning Board would have to set aside time to stuff and address the envelopes. There was a

discussion about whether to send the letters to non-profit entities such as churches and the Library.

8. The Board discussed enforcement of the sign bylaw and other zoning bylaws. Many on the Board thought that enforcement was lax. Barker reported that the Inspection Services department in Northampton was temporarily understaffed which was not helpful, as the Town contracts with Northampton for these services. Several members of the Board expressed that the support of the Select Board was essential to the effective functioning of the Planning Board.
9. Dudek noted that at a recent Board of Selectmen meeting, a question was raised about proper process for removal of trees abutting a public street. Barker said he would discuss Tree Hearings with the Tree Warden, Highway Superintendent Bill Turner.
10. The next two meetings were set for THURSDAY 9/7 and ~~Monday 9/18~~. [9/18 date was changed at the 9/7 meeting. -SDS]
11. The meeting adjourned at 8:32PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Steve Smith*