



Williamsburg Planning Board

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Minutes
for meeting on
July 11, 2016
Approved

Members:	present	not present
Jim Locke	x	
Steve Snow	x	
Bob Barker		x
Steve Smith	x	
Charles Dudek	x	
Kathy McKeown	x	
Others present:		
Francis Gallo, Mary Dudek		

Chairman Jim Locke called the meeting to order at 7:05PM.

1. The Board reviewed minutes from the June 20 meeting. Steve Snow pointed out that the minutes should be amended to reflect the fact that he was not present at that meeting. Charles Dudek moved to accept the minutes as amended. Kathy McKeown seconded and the vote passed unanimously.
2. Locke reported that the developers of the Dunkin Donuts at 140 Main Street had informed the ZBA that the windows and the building would be a brown/neutral color scheme rather than white.
3. Francis Gallo appeared before the Board to share his intention to propose a noise bylaw at the next Town Meeting. He intended to use a petition initiative to put the matter on the warrant. His main concerns were power equipment and construction activities happening too early in the day. The Board told Gallo about the work it had done regarding noise. The Board advised him to discuss the matter with the Williamsburg Postmaster and the owners of the Brewmaster's Tavern. The Board encouraged him to come back with any updates at a future meeting.
4. The Board briefly discussed compliance with the Sign Bylaw. Smith and McKeown shared photos of signs visible on various streets. The Board discussed whether flags, banners, and pennants were considered signs. The Board discussed creating an informational document that could be sent to businesses in town explaining the bylaw, as a first step toward the goal of increased compliance and enforcement. Smith offered to create a draft of such a document.
5. Locke introduced the Massachusetts DOT Complete Streets program, aimed at ensuring that safety and mobility of all users be considered in the design of roads. Locke said the Board might need to take action related to this program at a future meeting.
6. Steve Snow asked about the decision-making process for painting lines on town roads. He also asked for clarification on tree removal procedures.
7. McKeown and Snow reported on a recent PVPC meeting. It was an unusual format that included socializing. Snow noted that this type of event was not typical.
8. The Board set its next meeting for Monday July 25.

9. The meeting adjourned at 8:40PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Smith