

Charlemont Planning Board Meeting  
Monday, April 26, 2010 12 noon

Minutes

Members present: Bill Stephens and Gisela Walker, Co-Chairs, Jerry Pratt; Kathy Eichholz, Alternate member

Bill Stephens opened the meeting at 12.10 pm

The reason for the meeting was the deadline for warrant articles and the need for the Board to discuss and vote on submitting the floodplain overlay district zoning amendment to town meeting. This bylaw had been discussed at the last All Board meeting and left for the Planning Board to submit though both the Conservation Commission and the Board of Health will have active parts in enforcing this bylaw.

Bill Stephens and Jerry Pratt reported on their recent meeting with the Con Comm Chair. They now feel confident about recommending the adoption of this bylaw so that residents in the floodplain can get flood insurance.

Stephens made a motion to recommend to the BoS and town meeting the adoption of a floodplain overlay district bylaw; seconded by Pratt; the vote carried unanimously.

Walker questioned that Eichholz as Alternate Member can vote as this is not a special permit decision. The Board was not in agreement on how to interpret the wording of the zoning act which was reviewed. The Board decided to schedule another meeting for Thursday to re-do the vote in the hope for additional full members being able to make the date. Though there were three full members present and voting, it takes 4 members for a quorum to vote on a matter.

Board members then laid out a timeline for the required steps before town meeting in cooperation with the Executive Secretary and composed the wording for the warrant article. The meeting adjourned at 12.45 pm.

Next meeting was posted for Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.