

MINUTES OF THE PLANING BOARD PUBLIC MEETING

TOWN OF CHARLEMONT

11/5/09

The Board convened for their regular meeting at 9:47 p.m. with the following members present: Gisela Walker, Bill Stephens, Dan Miller, Trevor Mackie, Jerry Pratt and Kathy Eicholz.

The Board signed the minutes from the 10/15/09 hearing and reviewed documents from the Bowen Gravel Pit issue.

Walker informed the Board that the Finance Committee is requesting budget information ; this brought up the question of how to best pay Consultants (such as Carlene for hearing minutes or technical review consultants) The Board discussed language for a bylaw requesting Applicant pay for a minute taker for large hearings. Walker stated she would like to establish a revolving account, where the Applicant puts money in, the Board pays the consultant and any extra goes back to the Applicant. The Board will research the language and the best way to handle this. Such an account would have to be established at annual town meting.

The Board reviewed the Building Inspector's monthly report on construction in Charlemont.

The next meeting will be November 19, 2009 and Marie will be on the agenda.

Walker announced upcoming Board training workshops.

At 9:58 p.m., Walker made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss strategy with respect to litigation, and stated that the Board would not return to regular session. The motion was seconded by Mackie and passed, with members voting as follows: Walker-yes, Stephens-yes, Miller-yes, Mackie-yes, Pratt-yes. Eicholz left the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gisela Walker, Co-Chair
Charlemont Planning Board