

Middlefield Planning Board

Minutes of December 11, 2013

The meeting was convened at 5:04 P.M..

Attending were: Terry Crean, Cam McNeill, Janine Savoy, Alan Vint

No mail reviewed

No minutes reviewed or approved

Chair recognizes questions from Janine.

a.) back taxes issue re: new permits and licenses

Need five copies of MGL C40 / 57 811/94

b.) why did ZBA take so long to deal with the Black's variance application?

Terry's question:

Is the planning board legal and ready to serve as a special permit granting authority? Does this action square with the town's by-laws?

Alan takes a call and leaves the room.

Marin asks question. What was the process and/or logic behind making new historical district larger than the "center of town" district?

Cam says we went with the old lot lines.

Alan wants board to address what is the best way to present all of our proposed changes to a public body. Should be educational. Presentation should not be a debate.

What is best way to present to a public body regarding all of our proposed changes?

How many sessions is this going to take?
Our last attempt took over 3 hours.

What are all the things on the docket?
Material distributed ahead of time?

Do we need practice presentations?
We could rehearse and time it.
Cam feels we can present the big three in 45 minutes or so.
The board will need to highlight the proposed changes.

This is all about making things better.

How do we separate things on the town warrant.

We need to present an outline first.
Will Larry Smith be at these meetings?

If it takes six to twelve months --- or two years.

It will be important to focus on the changes.
It shouldn't be that hard to highlight the changes.

Urge the town folks to do a little homework.

Cam's questions:

Use Tables

Less than 5 acres issue/s.

Standards and conditions.

Business repair issues re: hazardous materials.

Home based business issues still have to be addressed.

Cottage Industry?

Special Permit process will allow town to control these things.

Meeting adjourned: 7:08 P.M.

Next Meeting: January 8th, 2014 @ 5:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Terrence Crean,
Board Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'TC', is positioned to the right of the typed name 'Terrence Crean'.