

**TOWN OF MIDDLEFIELD
PLANNING BOARD
April 30, 2014
MIDDLEFIELD TOWN HALL
MINUTES**

Board Members Present: Alan Vint, Michael Hale, Terry Crean, Cam McNeill

Cam McNeill arrived at 5:25.

Meeting was called to order at 5:04 P.M.

Minutes:

April 17 minutes were reviewed. Terry Crean made a motion to accept the minutes of April 17, 2014. Michael Hale seconded the motion.

March 26 minutes were reviewed. Terry made a motion to accept the minutes of March 26, 2014 with amendments. Alan seconded the motion.

Cam McNeill arrived at 5:25 P.M.

ATM:

A report describing the activities of the Planning Board is in the town's annual report for the 2013 fiscal year. This was agreed to be sufficient. A report at the town meeting will not be necessary.

Signs:

Cam researched Dalton, Otis, Huntington, and South Hampton's sign bylaws. Cam summarized them by stating that the rules were all over the place. The dimensions of signs allowed by right and by special permit were reported. One town's requirements of by right pertains to advertising for sale, rental or lease of a lot or building and a temporary sign pertaining to lease, sale, or use of the area in the process of development can be displayed by special permit of the Building Inspector.

Otis has grandfathered signs, legally erected for the adoption of the bylaw. Huntington allows signs on premises to be illuminated.

Directional signs are allowed on private property. Right of ways was discussed. 12 ft. from the edge of the road is considered the towns' right of way. Discussion on who owns the landscaping ensued. Alan will ask Attorney Jonathan Silverstein about ownership in right of ways.

Adjournment:

Alan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 P.M. Michael seconded. All were in favor. 0 opposed.

Next Meeting:

Next meeting will be held on May 14, 2014 at 5:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne C. Lemieux
Recording Secretary

