

Planning Board Minutes

Date: September 19, 2023

Meeting location: Stockbridge Town Hall, 50 Main Street, Stockbridge, MA

Present: Chair Fletcher, Member Wheeler, Member Raftery, Member Sprague, Clerk Slosek, Member Socha, Jennifer Carmichael, secretary, Absent: Vicechair Pitney,

The Chair asked for a motion to accept the minutes from September 5th, Member Raftery motioned to approve the minutes and Member Socha seconded, the vote was unanimous. The motion carried

Mike Canales spoke about the open meeting law and the dos and don'ts. He discussed agenda items and the timing to get onto an agenda. Anyone looking at the agenda should be able to understand what will be discussed at the next noted meeting. If a subject / question comes up and is not on the agenda, information may be given but there should be no deliberation.

Member Socha asked what can be looked at in our bylaws such as going back to the discussion of ADUs.

Member Wheeler spoke about the Affordable Housing Trust. They are having a meeting to look at their survey and she will let us know what they find through their survey. She asked to wait on the discussion of ADUs until the housing trust has their meeting.

Sally Underwood Miller from Conservation Commission suggested several bylaws to look at and consider revisions. Such as setbacks in the LPOD, wetlands protection act from the State is 100 feet, the Town bylaw/Conservation is 200 feet. 35-foot vegetative buffer needs to be adhered to. The opening to access the waterway is either 35 ft. or 20% of the frontage.

Member Raftery asked if the planner for Conservation, David Cameron, could look at the LPOD bylaw. Do we want to look at the wording in the bylaws for lot coverage and scale around the lake. She also wondered if performance bonds need to be required for non-profits. Also, the size of satellite dishes where our bylaw seems to be outdated.

Member Wheeler motioned to adjourn and Member Sprague seconded, the vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Carmichael,
Planning Board Secretary

Meeting Documents: open meeting law memo

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