

Stockbridge Planning Commission Minutes

March 27, 2018

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Commissioners present: Suzanne Butterfield, Bill Edgerton, Joanne Mills, Todd Trzaskos, David Walls.

Members of the public present: Alice Walls.

Others present: Lee Ann Isaacson; Zoning Administrator, Selectboard Member.

Meeting called to order: 7:04 p.m.

Review of Agenda: No Changes.

Review of February 13, 2018 Meeting Minutes: The minutes were approved.

Citizen Speak: None

Old Business:

Town Meeting Recap

The discussion centered on the informal poll taken at the Town Meeting concerning a change to the Bylaw incorporation process, effectively transitioning to a vote by the citizens of the Town vs. a Selectboard vote under the current process. Lee Ann Isaacson reported that the narrow margin of the poll at the Town Meeting has resulted in a Selectboard decision to conduct a formal vote. This vote will be warned in conjunction with a Town-wide review of the proposed Bylaws update to be held by the Planning Commission.

Bylaws Update:

The Commission continued its review of the proposed Bylaws, ensuring all identified changes have been incorporated and continuing discussion on items tabled during the first review. Highlights are as follows:

4.10 Signs

The Commission is continuing to work on an acceptable definition for signage provisions. At issue is the allowable square footage of an individual sign, the size of a stanchion holding a sign, and the total square footage for multiple signs. The Commission will review the Bylaws of other towns for guidance.

4.15 Accessory Dwelling Units - A change in grammar to "...inside of or within 50 feet of..." is needed.

4.19 Outdoor Displays

The Commission agreed that while the current wording is confusing, the intent of this bylaw is to avoid the use of public land for retail sales without a permit or Selectboard approval. LeeAnn Isaacson will draft language for the Commission to review.

New Business:

Based upon recent experience, Lee Ann Isaacson pointed out the Commission may want to explore adding bylaws to “condominiumize” lots with multiple primary dwellings, indicating this process can allow property owners an option to subdivide the dwellings and property. Lee Ann will provide the Commission with wording for consideration .

Election of Officers

Chair - Bill Edgerton was unanimously elected to remain Chair.

Scribe - David Walls was unanimously elected to remain Scribe.

Next Scheduled Meeting: April 10th, 2018

Meeting Adjourned: 8:59 p.m.

Faithfully Submitted,
David Walls, Scribe