



PLANNING BOARD
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Minutes of the April 13, 2017, Ayer Planning Board – Working Group Meeting

Location: Second Floor Meeting Room, Ayer Town Hall

Members present: James Fay, Chair, Jen Gibbons, Vice Chair, Sue Kennedy, Geof Tillotson. Mark Fermanian, Clerk was absent. **Others present:** Mark Wetzel, Dan Van Schalkwyk, Ruth Rhonemus, Liz Bodurtha, David Bodurtha, Ken Diskin and Sandy Bean

Chairman Jim Fay called the meeting to order at 6:22 PM.

(JF) Whereas this meeting is a Working Group, no votes were taken. The meeting was not recorded.

Continued Discussion on Subdivision

Mark Wetzel and Dan Van Schalkwyk reviewed continued changes to the Subdivision Regulations with the Board.

Bylaws 2017

Judi Barrett delivered the draft copy of the Zoning Bylaws to the Board at the May 4th meeting. The Board will be working toward re-codifying the Bylaws at the Fall Town Meeting in October 2017. There was preliminary discussion about a timeline that will have to be set to include Notice to the Town, two Public Workshops, a Public Hearing and then Town Meeting. Jim Fay asked Jen Gibbons if she would be the lead on this project and Jen accepted. The timeline will be finalized at the next meeting.

Public Input

Solar in Ayer

Ken Diskin, Ayer resident, reminded the Board that Ayer is a "Green Communities Town". Mr. Diskin has been doing a lot of research about Solar and how it is effecting Ayer. He stated that DOER has zoning language that can be adopted for Solar and questioned the Board about why Solar was not included in the re-draft of the Bylaws with the 2015 budget. Bylaw was set to re-codify to MGL. Sue Kennedy explained about a meeting with MRPC to discuss Solar. She also stated that "Green Communities" has guidelines about where Solar can be placed.

The next Working Group will convene at 6:15 PM, April 11, 2017

Meeting Adjournment

8:00 PM – Jim Fay suggested further comment be saved for the next meeting. DPW will be contacted and invited to the next meeting to review the subdivision information. Those in attendance decided unanimously to adjourn.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Sandy Bean, Administrative Coordinator

Planning Board Approval 5/11/17
 Date

Planning Board Chair (James M. Fay)

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