

Town of Ayer
PLANNING BOARD MINUTES
March 13, 2008
Ayer Town Hall
1 Main Street
Ayer, MA. 01432

2:30 PM

In attendance: Mr. Peter Johnston-Chair, Mr. Jim Lucchesi-Clerk Mr. Mark Fermanian, and Mr. Steve Wentzell

(Susan Sullivan/Office Mgr)

Also in attendance; Mr. Shaun Suhoski (T.Admin.), Ms. Lisa Gabree (T. Acct.) and Mr. Chris Ryan (DPD)

- Discussion of payment of bills previously approved by Planning Board.
(40.00 reimbursement for surrounding towns zoning books, 177.00 W.B. Mason for office supplies, 188.00 to Grafax for the printing of Zoning By-law books)

-Chris stated that the reason we are all meeting today is due to the fact that he is” Pissed off” and he “could have paid these (expenses)” out of other funds but he was not asked first. He stated that “separating his (position) from Planning Board by the end of this fiscal year is (his) hope”.

-The Board expressed its concern with Mr. Ryan’s choice to make an issue out of paying vendors and holding them hostage simply because he didn’t like the way things were handled.

Mark Fermanian Motioned to go for a reserve fund transfer to pay outstanding bills and make sure Office Manager’s position is covered thru the end of the fiscal year.

Jim Lucchesi 2nd 4-0 All in Favor

-Peter Johnston stated that the Planning Board was not given any direction on a change of policy as to how their bills were going to be handled and as far as they (P.B.) were concerned, they were to OK expenditures and sign off on them as they always have.

-Shaun stated he was in support of the Planning Board going back to having control of their budget again and suggested they work out a budget with Lisa Gabree for Town Meeting.

-Lisa agreed to assist the Planning board with this process.

-Susan Sullivan (O.M.) stated that she also was never told to do anything differently regarding expenditures for Office supplies and that she checked with Planning Board first before even ordering to get their OK.

-Chris Ryan said “that’s a fallacy”!

-Peter Johnston stated that “no, it’s a fact” Planning Board members agreed that they were NEVER told of a change to the existing procedures.

-Discussion as to the replacement (Appointee) of Pat Walsh who recently resigned from the board. The Planning Board will recommend a candidate and BOS and Planning shall vote/appoint that person to the position for a year.

Mark Fermanian motioned to adjourn

Steve Wentzell 2nd VOTE 4-0 All in Favor

Adjourn