

ACTON PLANNING BOARD MEETING

May 5, 2011

Public Hearing began at 7:00 pm and adjourned at 8:05pm.

Regular meeting began at 8:15pm and adjourned at 9:00.

ROLL CALL –

Members present were: Chip Venell- Chairman
Thomas Cashin – Vice Chairman
Yoli Gallagher
Jessica Donnell – 1st Alternate
Arthur Kelly – 2nd Alternate

Members absent were: Keith Davis

Also present were: Kenneth Paul, Code Enforcement Officer, Virginia DeBoer, camera operator from Cable committee

PUBLIC HEARING: (was video-recorded) Ken Paul and Tom Cashin presented the final draft of chapters 1-6 of the zoning ordinance using the slide show. The focus was on changes recommended by the Comprehensive Committee. Testimonial included questions addressing the map and the clarity of the overlay, the significance of the aquifer protection zone, and general support or lack there of the effort of Ken and Comp. Committee to integrate the state language into Acton Zoning Ordinance. Those speaking were mostly supportive with only one negative statement made. Names of those attending are attached.

To the map questions Ken and Tom pointed out that the actual classification of a property bordering or including more than one zone can be figured out by delineation, measuring the defining features of the property. Overlay maps are by their nature a little inaccurate. Tom also explained the purpose of the aquifer protection zone.

MINUTES

Minutes from April 21st were approved. Yoli Gallagher, Jessica Donnell 2nd.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The board briefly discussed a redundancy in one section of the new sign ordinance and an email from Paul Poyant that commented on the draft-like quality of the ordinance as presented. It was pointed out that the ordinance was adopted and could not be changed, even for the purposes of simple clarification, at this time. Ken said he was comfortable with it as is. Any correction will not change the meaning or intention of the ordinance. The board will address sign ordinance at a later date.

NEW BUSINESS

The board was introduced to Bob Kane who is interested in being a member of the board. Welcome Bob!

CEO BUSINESS

Best Possible location. Map 124 Lot 22, 196 West Shore Drive, on Square Pond. Proposal by Patco Construction. Camp will be demolished and pushed back. New septic will be moved from lakeside to as far back behind the camp as possible. Ken met on the site Wednesday (May 4th) with representatives from both York County Soil and Water, and the DEP to discuss landscaping. Allowing a slope to be replanted will be sufficient. York County is providing a planting plan. Yoli Gallagher made motion to accept, Tom Cashin 2nd. Accepted unanimous.