

ACTON PLANNING BOARD
Meeting Minutes

DATE: March 5, 2015 (approved March 19, 2015)

ROLL CALL:

Members present: Tom Cashin – Vice Chairman
Jessica Donnell
Yoli Gallagher
Art Kelly
Gavin Maloney – Alternate

Members Absent: Chip Venell – Chairman (excused)
Robert Smith – Alternate (excused)

Also present: Ken Paul, CEO; Brenda Charland, Recording Secretary; Virginia DeBoer, Video Recorder

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Cashin at 7:07 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of February 19, 2015: The motion was made by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Ms. Donnell to accept the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- **Review Board of Selectman Workshop, February 19th** - Discussion primarily focused on comparing the Board of Selectmen proposed Resource Protection amendments to the Ordinance with the Planning Board proposal. The CEO explained that the Selectmen's proposal states that the Planning Board may approve a Conditional Use Permit for a single family residential structure and any accessory structures in the Resource Protection District provided that the applicant demonstrates all of the specific conditions are met. The Planning Board's proposed amendment states that a Conditional Use Permit can only be approved for a single family residential structure and any accessory structures in the Resource Protection District outside of the Shoreland Zone. The second proposal that the Selectmen are offering would change the definition of Resource Protection to only 2 acres of wetland within the Shoreland Zone.

Mr. Paul also stated that the Selectmen have decided to present all three Resource Protection proposals as referendum questions at the election scheduled for June 9th. Also, the Ordinance stipulates that the Planning Board must hold hearings relative to zoning amendments at least 30 days prior to the vote. The Secretary noted that the Chairman, Mr. Venell, is unable to attend this meeting but he requested that setting the date for the public hearing be considered at the Planning Board meeting scheduled for March 19th when he returns.

Motion by Mr. Maloney to schedule two hearings, April 2 and April 30; the motion failed for lack of a second.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.