

Westmoreland Planning Board
April 9 2013
Approved minutes

❖ **Call to Order, Seating Members**

Present: Lauren Bressett, Dawn Lincoln, Bruce Smith, Richard Paul, Jim Starkey, June Hammond

David Hansel @7:00 pm

Excused: Laurie Burt

❖ **Review of Minutes:** 3/12/2013 minutes, Dawn Lincoln had pointed out a few grammatical errors.

Richard Paul made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, Dawn Lincoln second, all voted in favor

❖ **Old Business**

- A. Lauren Bressett had stated she had talked with Chip Huckins in reference to him being an alternate on the planning board, he had stated at this time he is very busy, but possibly in the future he may. David Hansel had asked to be on the board and the Selectman have appointed him as an alternate. Lauren Bressett reiterated that we still need another alternate.
- B. Bruce Smith updated the board with how the Master Plan update committee is doing; they are considering consolidating a lot of the material of the Master plan to simplify it, their next meeting is May 13th at 7:00 pm. Angie Ackerman has not yet come to a meeting, nor has Jeff Ingram, Bruce hopes he will for he is one of the only members that was on the last committee.
- C. Richard Paul questioned the status of a couple of issues the board has been dealing with Matt Phillips and the Ferguson's. Lauren Bressett stated that she has noticed at Matt Phillips property on Route 12 the sign is now gone and the tenant does not seem to be operating out of there anymore and with that, Matt Phillips is in compliance with his site plan. Lauren Bressett stated she knows of nothing on the Ferguson's and read a letter that was sent to the Fergusons by the Selectman on January 23, 2013 asking them to respond by 1/31/13 as to when they expect to have their site plan completed and ready for review. Alison Fissette stated she heard from the Ferguson's attorney Michael Bentley, on February 4th inquiring what the deadline was for the next meeting; she has not heard from them since. Richard Paul also stated he has noticed at the Industrial Park the newest tenant (Powder coat) in the front building has a very large sign on the front of the building and he does not feel it is in compliance with our ordinances, he also stated why do we have ordinances if no one is going to enforce them. Richard Paul made a motion to inform the Selectman the Ferguson's have not responded to the board and to notify

the selectman of the signage at the industrial park is not in compliance, Jim Starkey second, all voted in favor.

Bruce Smith questioned whose responsibility it is to notify the enforcers and would like to understand fully his role as a planning board member. Lauren Bressett stated that the Selectmen are the enforcers and possibly we should be notifying the zoning administrator and/or Selectman. Lauren Bressett reviewed the RSA on Planning Board duties and also stated that it is a system of checks and balances. Bruce Smith stated that we are all in this together and should work as a team, much discussion ensued. Richard Paul made a motion to rescind the motion just passed, Jim Starkey second, all voted in favor.

Board members decided to have June Hammond as the select board representative inform the other selectmen of the discussion regarding the possible sign violation at the industrial park and with the Ferguson's lack of communication.

D. Review of ordinances

Dawn Lincoln had met with Larry Muchmore and got his input on several items in editing and/or changing the building ordinances. Dawn also clarified that the building inspector does not get paid directly by the applicant, the check is made out to the Town of Westmoreland and the inspector is paid annually.

7:30 pm Bruce Smith excused himself and at 7:45 pm Richard Paul excused himself. Board members reviewed building ordinances through section 7:02 until 8:40 pm, still a work in progress.

❖ New Business

Lauren Bressett stated the Zoning Board will be having a hearing with the proposed Graves gravel pit expansion this month and the planning board should also be hearing from them as it progresses.

Alison Fissette informed members when sending information via email, email needs to state, DO NOT REPLY, WILL BE DISCUSSED AT NEXT MEETING.

Dawn Lincoln made a motion to adjourn June Hammond second, all voted in favor meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm

Respectfully submitted
Alison Fissette
Planning Board Secretary