

Westmoreland Planning Board
October 7th 2013
Approved minutes

❖ **Call to Order, Seating Members**

Present: Lauren Bressett, Dawn Lincoln, Steve Houle, June Hammond, Jim Starkey, David Hansel.

Excused: Bruce Smith, Laurie Burt

Lauren Bressett called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

❖ **Review of Minutes:**

Dawn Lincoln made a motion to accept the minutes as read, June Hammond second, all voted in favor to accept the minutes as read.

❖ **New Business**

1. A letter was received from the State of NH in regards to Iron Clad application for a State inspection station. Board members reviewed the application and site plan for the property which is owned by Akbar Ashoury, at 1071 Route 12, there were some discrepancies with the application, so the board decided to get more information before making a decision.

Dawn Lincoln made a motion in regards to Iron Clad inspection station application. Lauren Bressett will check into the following and act accordingly.

A. If this is for his own fleet vehicles of Iron Clad and the owner of the property approves, Planning Board will inform the state accordingly they may proceed.
Or if not

B. Will defer till next Planning Board meeting
Dave Hansel second, all voted to approve motion.

2. Board members were advised to read the updated town employee manual.

3. Lauren Bressett updated the board members of the Zoning board approval for the Graves quarry, Lauren Bressett asked board members if they felt the board would need to have an engineer to help with reviewing the material when the site plan comes to the board, all were in favor, need to ask around for recommendations

❖ **Application/Hearings** None

❖ **Old Business**

Board members continued updating the sign ordinances - see attached.

❖ **Select Board Update** None

❖ **Letters** None

Jim Starkey made a motion to adjourn, Dawn Lincoln second, motion passed.

Jim Starkey abstained. Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm

Respectfully submitted
Alison Fissette
Planning Board Secretary

Sign ordinance updating - Draft - 10.8.13 (Text-current, strike out-to delete, underline-added)

Sign: Any device, structure, building or part thereof, for visual communication that is used for the purpose of bringing the subject thereof to the attention of the public.

Sign, advertising or billboard: Sign which directs attention to a business, industry, profession, service, commodity or entertainment conducted, sold or offered elsewhere than upon the same lot.

Sign, Business: Sign which directs attention to a business, industry, profession, service, commodity, or entertainment sold or offered upon the same lot on which it is displayed, including real estate signs.

Sign, Banner: A temporary sign of lightweight material (paper, plastic, or fabric) hung either with or without frames.

Sign, ~~construction~~ temporary service - a temporary sign not intended for permanent use indicating work currently being done or a current condition that applies such as a real estate, roofing, or carpenter's sign.

Sign, directory: A sign that indicates the name of the location as well as a listing of all businesses/entities located on the site.

Sign, flag: A lightweight material carrying a design or words designed to fly or hang from a pole.

SECTION 431 Signs

No signs or billboards shall be permitted in any district except as specifically permitted herein as follows:

- A. An open flag or banner may be displayed during business hours.
- B. ~~Construction~~ Temporary service signs not to exceed 6 square feet with the name and contact information of the contractor will be allowed during the active ~~construction~~ service period and up to 30 days after completion of the service.
- ~~C. A temporary sign pertaining to the lease, sale or use of the lot or building on which it is placed will be allowed.~~
- D. Signage not covered below or not in compliance may be allowed by special exception.

SECTION 432 Advertising Billboards

Advertising billboards shall not be permitted in any Residential or Village Center Districts.

SECTION 433 Signs in Residential Districts

The following signs are permitted when located on the immediate property.

- A. No signs shall be larger than 8 16 square feet.
- B. All permitted or approved non-residential uses shall be allowed to erect and maintain a single free-standing sign and any number of additional signs provided that the combined area of all signs does not exceed 32 square feet for all uses and are not contiguous with the primary sign.
- C. Signs shall not exceed 15 feet from ground level.
 - A. 1 professional or home occupation sign, not exceeding 4 square feet.
 - B. 1 temporary sign, not exceeding 6 square feet.
 - ~~C. Signs identifying any non-residential building or use permitted in residential districts, not exceeding a total of 20 square feet.~~
 - ~~D. Directional or information sign, not exceeding 4 square feet.~~
 - ~~E. Signs necessary for public safety or welfare.~~

SECTION 434 Signs in Commercial/Industrial Districts

The following signs are permitted when located on the immediate property:

A. When one business sign exists:

~~One directory sign not larger than 10 square feet.~~

1. One business sign not larger than 32 square feet.
2. Additional signage pertaining to permitted uses located on or immediately adjacent to the building where the use occurs provided that the combined area of all signs does not exceed 56-64 square feet.

B. When more than one business exists on a property:

1. One directory sign not larger than ~~40~~ 32 square feet, plus an additional 6 square feet per additional business listing the name of each business on site.
2. One sign per business not larger than ~~12~~ 16 sq feet located on or immediately adjacent to each business.
3. One additional banner sign not larger than 12 square feet located on or immediately adjacent to each business.

SECTION 435 Computation of Permissible Sign Area

When computing the total permissible sign area for any use:

- A. Existing signs shall be included.
- B. The total area of all signs shall not exceed the requirements as set forth in this Ordinance.
- C. Signs, consisting of free standing letters, numerals or other devices shall include any intervening spaces between them.
- D. Only the larger face area of double-faced or v-type sign shall be used.
- E. Back-to-back signs may be counted as one sign.
- F. Open flags are not counted in the computation of permissible sign area.

SECTION 436 Traffic Hazard, Safety and Obstructions

Every sign shall be designed and located in such a manner as to:

- A. Not impair public safety.
- B. Not restrict clear vision between a sidewalk and street.
- C. Not to be confused with any traffic sign or signal.
- D. Not prevent free access to any door, window, or fire escape.

SECTION 437 Illuminated and Flashing Signs

- A. A steady light may illuminate signs, provided that such lighting will not illuminate or reflect onto other properties or onto a public road.
- B. Flashing, oscillating, ~~and~~ revolving, neon or other tubular gas signs shall not be permitted, unless necessary for public safety or welfare.