

Westmoreland Planning Board
November 21, 2016
Meeting Minutes

A. Call to Order, Seating Members

Present: Lauren Bressett, Bruce Smith, Mark Hayward, Dawn Lincoln, Steve Houle, Alison Fissette, Tim Thompson.

Excused Absence: Jim Starkey and Clay Stalker

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

Review of Minutes 10/17/16

Corrections to minutes made at the November 21, 2016 Planning Board Meeting.

B1- Application/Hearing –paragraph 2. Change wording (Request for Waiver to: Request of Waiver)

B1 –paragraph five, sentence 2 – change six feet long to six feet wide

B1- spelling error paragraph six line 3 changed seep bank to steep bank.

B2 – line 1 changed and to as

B2 paragraph 3 line 7 changed right of a section to right of way section

B2 – R10 lot 17B last sentence changed from has an existing curb cut and culvert to has an existing culvert along the roadway.

Dawn Lincoln moved to accept the minutes with the above corrections/changes. Bruce Smith seconded, passed with a unanimous vote.

Old Business:

NJ Powerpoint for Solar applications and use was distributed to all board members.

Chair Lauren Bressett spoke to NH Municipal regarding RSA 91:1a Right-To-Know Law. If either recordings other documents are not pertinent, nor helpful to a specific hearing, the recordings/ documents do not need to be accepted and put into respective file. However a motion to or not accept must be documented. If documents are helpful, and pertinent, a motion to accept presented documents must be approved and documented. The documents will then become part of the respective file.

Cersosimo – nothing has been filed on the gravel pit at this time. In checking with RSA's and LGC, a gravel pit owner must apply yearly and must complete a new application. There is no abbreviated process for a new renewal application. As this pit is on the Westmoreland and Chesterfield town lines and has a Regional Impact Chesterfield must receive copies of the application.

Graves Reclamation Map R17 Lot 29

Bruce Smith made a motion to accept paperwork submitted by Frank Frazer of One Source Properties and Permitting, LLC.. Seconded by Steve Houle. Passed with a unanimous vote.

Ordinance Changes for Vote on 2017 Town Ballot

Cross out is to be deleted

Italics are additions

407:2 E. Town means of egress from the ADU shall be provided, *as well as an interior door between units.*

add M. Occupancy is limited to 2 people per bedroom.

SECTION 431 *Signage*

431.1 ~~€.~~ A. Signage not covered below or not in compliance may be allowed by special exception. No signs or billboards shall be permitted in any district except as specifically permitted herein. ~~as follows~~

B. Temporary sign not to exceed 6 sq feet and unlit is allowed in any district for a period not to exceed 180 days.

~~Temporary service signs not to exceed 6 sq feet with the name and contact information of the contractor will be allowed during the active service period and up to 30 days after completion of the service.~~

~~A.~~ C. An open flag or banner may be displayed during business hours.

~~SECTION 432. Advertising Billboards~~

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

431.2 ~~SECTION 433~~ Signs in Residential Districts

~~B.~~ All permitted or approved non-residential uses shall be allowed to erect or maintain *signage* ~~a single free standing sign and any number of addition signs,~~ on the immediate property where the use occurs, 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. ~~The following signs are permitted when located on the immediate property.~~

B. A. No signs shall be larger than 16 square feet

€. B. Signs shall not exceed 15 feet from ground level

431:3 ~~SECTION 434~~ Signs in Commercial/Industrial Districts

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

A. When one business exists:

1. One business sign not larger than 32 square feet
2. Additional signage pertaining to permitted uses where the use occurs provided the combined area of all the signs does not exceed 64 square feet.

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

1. One directory sign lot larger than 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 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.

431:4 ~~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.

431.5 ~~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. B. Not be confused with any traffic sign or signal.~~
- ~~D. Not prevent free access to any door, window, or fire escape.~~

431:6 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.

Bruce Smith made a motion to accept the changes made. Seconded by Dawn Lincoln.

Discussion on the motion followed. Bruce Smith amended the motion to delete 431:5 B. Not restrict clear vision between a sidewalk or signal, making C. become B. Passed with a unanimous voted.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board discussed a proposed Planning Board budget for year 2017. The Selectmen would like the proposed budget figures to them by December 02, 2016.

Cindy Hatt had questions regarding current use and lot line adjustments.

Motion made by Steve Houle to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bruce Smith. Passed with a unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Elaine Moore – Clerk

THESE ARE UNAPPROVED MINUTES – TO BE APPROVED AT THE DECEMBER 2016 MEETING.