

**STURBRIDGE PLANNING BOARD
MINUTES OF
TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2016**

Ms. Gibson-Quigley called the regular meeting of the Planning Board to order at 6:30 PM.

Ms. Gibson-Quigley noted the members present.

Present: Charles Blanchard
Russell Chamberland
James Cunniff
Penny Dumas
Heather Hart
Sandra Gibson-Quigley, Chair
Susan Waters, Clerk

Also Present: Diane M. Trapasso, Administrative Assistant

Ms. Gibson-Quigley opened the meeting and read the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Made by Mr. Chamberland to approve the draft minutes of April 12, 2016.
2nd: Mr. Blanchard
Discussion: None
Vote: 7 – 0

Motion: Made by Mr. Cunniff to approve the draft minutes of May 10, 2016.
2nd: Mr. Chamberland
Discussion: None
Vote: 3 – 0- 4 (Mr. Blanchard, Ms. Dumas, Ms. Hart & Ms. Waters)

TOWN PLANNER UPDATE

DISCUSS WARRANT ARTICLE – COMMERCIAL TOURIST DISTRICT

Ms. Gibson-Quigley stated that when she went to the FinCom meeting for the zoning amendments – Wireless Communications Facilities and the Commercial Tourist District – conceptually they have no problem with the amendments.

Wireless Communications Facilities – minor changes

Use Regulations – Commercial Tourist District – FinCom had some concerns with wording and made changes

The Board feels that FinCom should not be making any changes to zoning amendments. Planning Board worked with the Town Planner to make these changes; had the public hearing and Kopelman & Paige made the edits.

The Board wants to submit a substitute motion using the original language.

Motion: Made by Mr. Blanchard to submit a substitute motion for Article 35 – Amendment to the Zoning Bylaws – Chapter Eight – Use Regulations – Commercial Tourist District to keep the original wording voted by the Planning Board.

2nd: Ms. Dumas

Discussion: None

Vote: 7 – 0

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

21 New Boston Road – started construction – poured the footings

Publick House – Landscape Plan – Some Board members are concerned about trees not being planted behind the Chamberlain House – concerned about missing the planting season

At the last Planning Board meeting, Mr. Glick stated that they are in the process of looking for mature trees – they intend to plant trees – just rearranging them

The Board agreed to have Mr. Glick come to a Planning Board with the revised landscape plan and have a discussion with the Board.

Ms. Trapasso will contact Mr. Glick to see when he will be available to meet with the Board.

NEXT MEETING

June 21, 2016

On a motion made by Mr. Cunniff, and seconded by Mr. Blanchard, and voted 7– 0, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.