

Norton Planning Board Minutes of Meeting  
For  
JUNE 4, 2013

**Call to Order**

The June 4, 2013, meeting of the Norton Planning Board, held in the first floor Selectmen's Conference Room, was called to order at 7:15 P.M., by Mrs. Haracz, Chairman. Members Present: Mrs. Joanne Haracz, Chairman; Mr. David Miller, Vice-Chair; Mr. Patrick Daly; Mr. George Burgess; Mr. Scott Nichols; and Mr. Edward Beatty, newest member of Planning Board, who was welcomed to Board. Absent: Mr. Joseph Fernandes. Also present was Mr. Charles Gabriel, Town Planner

**Report of Planning Board**

Mrs. Haracz said she drove by the Waste Management facility and it is looking better than it previously was. ~~~~~

Mr. Burgess stated South Shore Mill Works is continuing to move gravel. He asked if building inspector has done anything regarding this issue?

Mrs. Haracz responded that South Shore Mill Works is scheduled on agenda for a special permit at the next Planning Board meeting.

**Approval of Minutes**

April 16, 2013:

**MOTION was made by Mr. Miller to approve the Planning Board Minutes of Meeting, dated April 16, 2013, as amended. Second by Mr. Burgess: Vote: Messrs. Beatty, Daly, and Nichols voted "present" and all other Board members voted In Favor of Motion. MOTION CARRIES.**

It was noted the May 7, 2013 minutes will be reviewed at the next meeting.

**Report of Town Planner**

Mr. Gabriel referenced 274 East Main Street and stated he attended ZBA meeting regarding this.

Mr. Miller commended Mr. Gabriel's efforts on this. Discussion ensued.

**Planning Board Business and Policies**

Mrs. Haracz referenced medical marijuana issue; this can be taken up later in meeting after the Board reviewed ANR plan.

It was discussed the next Planning Board meeting would be held on June 18, 2013. For the month of July, the Board will plan to meet July 9 and 23.

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Mr. Burgess said he watched the Board of Selectmen meeting Thursday evening and stated they were discussing street lights in a certain subdivision and Planning Board was mentioned at meeting.

Mr. Gabriel said this issue dealt with a long chain of emails with Joe Cardinale of National Grid and Planning Board never really got involved.

Mr. Gabriel said it appears a lot more lights were installed than what Planning Board approved. Bills were not paid and lights went off apparently. Initially, Mr. Gabriel was not part of chain of emails. Therefore, he did not know how or why it happened. Claim is that developer put in some kind of a master switch. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Gabriel said he will attend the Board of Selectmen meeting being held Thursday evening, June 6, where this will be discussed.

Mr. Miller said there was an article in Sun Chronicle regarding this also. Discussion ensued.

**Bills and Warrants**

**MOTION was made by Mr. Daly to approve Planning Board Bills and Warrants, dated June 4, 2013, in the amount of \$3,870.54. Second by Mr. Nichols. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

**Approval Not Required Plans Pending:**

<u>Applicant Name</u>	<u>Date Filed with Town Clerk</u>
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Rosa S. Fernandes, et al.	May 22, 2013
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Plans were reviewed by Board.

Mr. Gabriel said Lot 1 is where house is located. Lots 1, 2, and 3 were one lot, so splitting up into three lots. Mr. Gabriel further explained.

**MOTION was made by Mr. Daly to approve plan of land (ANR) for Rosa S. Fernandes, et al., drawn by Otis Dyer, dated May 10, 2013. Second by Mr. Beatty. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

Medical Marijuana:

Mr. Gabriel explained, and referenced a page from zoning bylaw. He said Adult Entertainment would be an example. He said when the zoning maps are viewed, Board would see what 1000' is = adult entertainment. Industrial district referenced.

Mrs. Haracz spoke of concern to protect consumer exiting facility, etc. It will be beneficial to obtain copies of other communities' bylaws who approved this already.

Mr. Gabriel said a very small area in Town it could be restricted to probably, or in an industrial, commercial or village commercial district with a lot of conditions. But it cannot be prohibited.

Mr. Gabriel referenced special permit bylaw he found on-line from a Massachusetts law firm. Restrictions are that they cannot be close to schools/playgrounds, etc. 64% in Norton approved it.

Mr. Gabriel referenced an article from The Boston Globe and noted that Rhode Island has them up and running.

Mr. Gabriel spoke of abstracts from scientific studies where they do not find any real correlation between medical marijuana dispensaries and crime.

Mrs. Haracz said a bylaw will need to be crafted by Planning Board. Also, it would be beneficial to know how large these facilities are. She asked Mr. Gabriel to conduct more research on this regarding specifics, etc. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Gabriel said possibly town counsel has a model bylaw.

Mrs. Haracz said the next Planning Board meeting is being held on June 18, and the Board can continue discussion on medical marijuana dispensaries possibly at that time.

Adjournment

**MOTION was made by Mr. Burgess to Adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Second by Mr. Miller. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

Janet A. Sweeney  
Board of Selectmen – Recording Secretary

Minutes Approved by Committee on: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

Documents Reviewed/Distributed at Planning Board Meeting of June 4, 2013

. Draft 4/16/13 Planning Board Minutes of Meeting

. Planning Board Bills and Warrants, in the amount of \$3,870.54, dated June 4, 2013

. Plan drawn by RIM Engineering – “Medical Marijuana dispensaries” - Legend R-80/R-60/R-40/Village Comm./Commercial/Industrial

. ANR/Plan-Rosa S. Fernandes, et al., submitted to Town Clerk’s Office on May 22, 2013, and drawn by Otis Dyer, dated May 10, 2013, for Rosa S. Fernandes, et al.