**Minutes**

**Planning Board Meeting via ZOOM**

**3 January 2024**

Present: Doug Mason, Will Emmet, Steve Thane, Peter Charow

Absent: Jo Travis

Guests: Barbara Rode

Doug called meeting to order at 7:03 PM

1. Creation of a lot with existing shop building. Petitioner: Steven Thane.
   1. Note that Steve Thane recused himself from all deliberation and voting on this petition.
   2. Due to the fact that all boundary setback requirements have been met and the lot is recognized as not supporting further development, no planning board action is required.
   3. Will made a motion to approve the lot creation. Peter seconded. Vote was 3-0 in favor with Steve abstaining.
   4. Form 1A and the survey map will be exhibited in the town coordinator’s office for planning board signatures.
2. Draft minutes of December 6th, 2023:
   1. Discussion: no changes.
   2. Peter made a motion to accept as submitted, Steve seconded. Vote was 4-0 in favor.
3. Discussion of planning board goals for 2024:
   1. Doug discussed his research in other municipalities regarding 5G:
      1. No decisions can be made on a health basis.
      2. Aesthetics can be considered.
      3. One municipality had 60 pages devoted to 5G development
   2. Peter discussed his research regarding shooting ranges: Will made the motion, peter second passed unanimously.
      1. Massachusetts does not allow towns to restrict shooting ranges.
      2. Ashfield has approached the problem from a noise ordinance standpoint.
      3. Enforcement would fall on the Board of Health and/or Police Department.
      4. The Ashfield ordinances might serve as a model for Heath.
      5. <HTTPS://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartIII/TitleI/Chapter214/Section7B>
   3. Will regarding solar installations: nothing to report yet.
   4. Steve discussed a project that would create online instructions for land use filing procedures.
4. Peter asked whether our guest had any questions or comments. She did not.
5. Peter made a motion to adjourn. Will seconded. Vote was 4-0 to adjourn.
6. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

William T Emmet, Secretary