

MINUTES
PLANNING BOARD
TOWN OF DAMARISCOTTA
April 11, 2016
6:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jonathan Eaton, Wilder Hunt, Stephen Cole, Shari Sage

STAFF PRESENT: Anthony Dater, Town Planner

PUBLIC PRESENT: Maia Zewert, Lincoln County News

- A. CALL TO ORDER: Jonathan Eaton opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.
- B. REVIEW DRAFT 15 OF SIGN ORDINANCE

Dater reviewed the changes, comments and suggestions aloud, item by item for the Board's consideration.

Add a definition for banner since it is referred to in the ordinance.

Clarify definition of significantly alter

Clarify NO internally illuminated signs permitted in the Residential & Rural districts.

Sage made another suggestion that lit signs be required to be turned completely off from 11pm to 7am – referring to this restriction in the Residential district and she feels the same restriction should apply to the C2 district.

Eaton: Entire C2? Not a fan. MAYBE with careful wording of an option for a complaint process of direct residential abutters should a problem arise.

Sage: Provided sample wording for review.

Dater: Should be specific – Abutters? Distance?

Hunt: not a fan of changing wording on this topic at this point - it has been discussed repeatedly – time to move on.

Cole: Sample language is worded as an ultimatum - making the right of the residential property owner is greater than the right of the business owner. It will be difficult to work that type of approach into this ordinance.

Sage: Light pollution is a valid concern. The Board has to consider what is coming in the future.

Dater: Does the Board want to add a sentence that is non-regulatory to allow a potentially aggrieved residential land owner abutting an illuminated sign could come negotiate the illumination with an abutting business owner and the Code Enforcement Officer.

Board: Agreed – with the addition of a specific time frame – 11pm – 7am.

Clarify flag & banner permitted uses.

On motion Hunt / Cole to accept draft 15 of the sign ordinance as reviewed and amended at tonight's meeting. Additional changes/clarifications to be reviewed individually by members via email for submission to Board of Selectmen for their public hearing.

Vote 4-0 in favor

C. ADJOURNMENT: on motion Cole / Hunt to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 pm.

Vote 5-0 in favor


Respectfully submitted by:

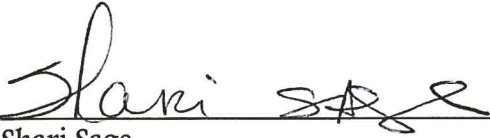

Rebecca J. Bartolotta, Deputy Clerk

We, the undersigned, do hereby approve the minutes of the April 11, 2016 special Planning Board meeting:


Jonathan Eaton, Chairman


Wilder Hunt, Vice - Chairman


Stephen Cole


Shari Sage

Bruce Garren

Dated: 05/02/16