

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and stated it was open to the public in compliance with Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, Sections 4 & 13.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL: **Members Present:** Hughes, O'Leary, Leuthe, Van Sickle, Potter, Madewell, Deller, Andersen, Taylor, Suljic (7:48pm).

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: Aikens.

Also Present: Ursula Leo, Esq.
Nevitt Duveneck, PE

COMPLETENESS / HEARINGS / CONCEPT:

1.) DeVenezia Realty, LLC B:4, L:2.04 ASP18-6, VAR18-7 (Deemed Incomplete 12/20/18)

Mr. Taylor advised the Board that he had received an email from the Board Secretary stating she had sent a letter to the applicant's attorney and has not heard back from him.

AUDIENCE:

Mr. Taylor opened the meeting to the public. With no public present, the meeting was closed to the public.

OLD BUSINESS:1.) Internally Lit Signs

Ms. Van Sickle felt the Board needs to address this because it keeps resurfacing. Mr. Hughes felt the fees could be adjusted and to allow the applicant to go through the Zoning Officer so they do not have legal fees associated with their sign request. He said it so expensive for a business owner to come in for a sign variance. Mr. Taylor felt the internally lit signs would need the Board's approval.

There was a lengthy discussion on internally lit signs. Mr. O'Leary felt internally lit signs are not in keeping with the rural character of the town. He said some of the businesses are next to residential homes. He felt the stores are closed after dark so there would be no need for the sign to be lit. Ms. Deller felt The Shoppes at Lafayette mall should be allowed to have internally lit signs however, in the other zones, it would take away from the character. Mr. Andersen felt the Board needs to be open to new technology.

Ms. Leo suggested drafting an ordinance for a sign variance for internally lit signs. She will draft something for the Board's review.

2.) Soil Moving Ordinance

Mr. O'Leary advised the Board that the Township Committee adopted a soil-moving ordinance. He explained some of the highlights of the ordinance to the Board. He said he went to the meeting in Vernon Township regarding the contaminated soil there. Mr. Suljic said there were two trucking companies that have been fined by the D.E.P. and are required to clean up the sites. There was a discussion on the requirements of the new ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS:1.) Open Space Plan Update

Mr. O'Leary said the Open Space Committee had taken a tour of the town and they will be conducting a public input meeting on June 5, 2019. The Land Conservancy will be at the meeting. He said the Committee will need to evaluate the changes in town since the last plan and evaluate if the goals need to be changed.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

ORDINANCES:1.) Curbs and Gutters

Mr. Duveneck went over the changes the Board will be proposing for curbing requirements. The proposed changes take away the requirement for curbing in rural areas. Mr. Duveneck said there is a part of the RSIS that allows the town to give relief of standards if they choose so.

The Board agreed to send the ordinance to the Township Committee.

ZONING REPORT: See Attached

Mr. O'Leary asked about the approval for 13 Morris Farm Rd. Mr. Suljic said the owner had been shut down for over a year and needed zoning approval to reopen. Mr. Taylor asked about the public gathering permit. Mr. Suljic said it was for Living Pawsitively's yearly event.

BILLS: Bills List # 6

Mr. Leuthe went over the bills with the Board.

A motion to approve the bills as presented was made by Mr. Leuthe. It was seconded by Mr. O'Leary and passed with a roll call vote. Ayes: Hughes, Suljic, O'Leary, Leuthe, Van Sickle, Potter, Madewell, Deller, Andersen, Taylor.

Mr. Duveneck said he met with an engineer whose client wants to put up a barn on Sunset Inn Road in the Ridgeline Protection Area. The applicant is proposing to set the barn back towards the rear of the property and put evergreens in front of it. Mr. Duveneck requested a 4-foot berm with the 4-foot evergreens on top of it so the structure will be totally shielded.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Van Sickle. It was seconded by Mr. O'Leary and passed with everyone saying aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Pizzulo
Board Secretary