

Planning Commission

August 11, 2014

Present: Chuck Suss, Ed Shea, Betty Charette

Absent: Susan Wright, John Dovitski,

Attendees: Bill Botzow, Bill Batcher, Tom Dailey, Dave Allen, Ryan Thurber

Chuck moved the meeting be called to order at 6:05.

Minutes from the July meeting were read by Chuck. On motion by Ed and seconded by Betty, all voted in favor to accept the minutes.

Michael Batcher brought copies of the summary of the law that was passed 2012 known as Act 148, The Universal Recycling Law. He outlined some of the chief elements of the law including composting of organic matter. He suggested that Woodford would join eleven other towns to deal with solid waste including all manners of dry trash. An approved plan is needed by June 18, 2015 that complies with State requirements. There must be educational outreach to schools and individuals to reduce the amount of solid waste by 25%. Ed asked what were the pros and cons. Mr. Batcher outlined how costs are shared and thereby reduced for each town. Ed asked if there could be input on the town level; Mr. Batcher replied to the affirmative. Ed asked how costs would be shared; Ryan answered that costs would be based on population. Ryan noted that because Woodford lacks any of the infrastructure to handle a solid waste program, it was to the Town's advantage to merge our plan with that of surrounding towns. Michael confirmed that basing cost on population was a fair approach. Michael said there would be cost to taxpayers to administer the new law. A further implementation requirement by the State would be for trash haulers to standardize their rates. The Town needs to adopt and enact a plan that complies with State requirements. Mr. Batcher asked that a representative of the Town attend BCRC Solid Waste planning meetings.

There was some discussion of the nature of the implementation of the new law; whether to be an ordinance or Bylaw. Mr. Botzow pointed out that a Bylaw can be grandfathered but an ordinance is a law.

There being no further business to discuss, on motion by Ed and seconded by Betty, all voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 pm.

The next regular meeting will be on September 8, 2014

Zoning Board of Adjustment
August 11, 2014

Present: Chuck Suss, Ed Shea, Betty Charette
Absent: Susan Wright, John Dovitski,
Attendees: Bill Botzow, Tom Dailey, Dave Allen

Chuck moved the meeting be called to order. The meeting was opened at 6:50 pm.

July minutes were read by Chuck. On motion by Ed and seconded by Betty all voted in favor to approve the minutes.

Chuck asked Dave Allen for the reason for his attendance. Dave replied he was there about the Vasquez property. Ed stated his concern was that the Permit placard had been improperly issued. Dave furnished his copy of the Permit placard. Ed stated that the original application was incomplete and if the missing information would be furnished, the application could be voted on. Tom Dailey furnished the missing information to the Board. On receipt of the information, Ed moved and Betty seconded the application for approval. The vote for approval was unanimous.

There being no further business to discuss, on motion by Betty and seconded by Ed, all voted to adjourn the meeting 7:20 pm.

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