



Williamsburg Planning Board

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Minutes for meeting on April 2, 2012 Committee Meeting and Public Hearing for Sign Bylaw <i>Approved 4/23/12</i>	Members:	present	not present
	Roger Bisbee, Chairman	x	
	Jim Locke	x	
	Steve Snow	x	
	Gail Paddock		x
	Tim McQuestion	x	
	Steve Smith	x	
	Others:		
	Sue Fortgang – at regular meeting, left after her business was complete.		
	Andrew Quient		
Martin Mahoney			

Chairman Roger Bisbee called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Property owner Sue Fortgang asked the committee for procedural advice regarding several plans for her property. It turned out that none of the plans she described were within the jurisdiction of the Planning Board.

The minutes from February 23 and March 19 were approved unanimously.

Upcoming meetings: since April 16 is a holiday, the next regular meeting will be on April 23. Steve Snow confirmed that Mr. Joe Gazillo, Chair of the Energy Committee in Chesterfield, will attend the 4/23 meeting to describe Chesterfield's experience with the Green Communities Initiative. Kim Boas has also been invited to attend that discussion.

Jim Locke brought up a question about the proposed sign bylaw: What documentation is required under section 9.83 (b) – documentation about signs conforming before 2003? The consensus was that the Zoning Enforcement Officer will determine what documentation is adequate.

The regular committee meeting was closed and the Public Hearing for the new Sign Bylaw was called to order at 7:30PM. Attending members of the public were:

1. Andrew Quient
2. Martin Mahoney

Quient asked for clarification on several sections of the proposed bylaw.

Mahoney offered suggestions on terminology, including the clarification that “non-conforming” was not a status that could be granted. “Illegal” is a better term for signs that do not comply.

Quient asked about the legality of neon signs. The Board discussed whether neon was by definition “internally lit.”

Mahoney asked whether a sign could be erected outside of the Village Mixed Use zone by Special Permit. The Board decided that should be possible and modified the language to make that clear.

Chairman Bisbee closed the hearing at 8:48PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Smith