



# Williamsburg Planning Board

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Minutes for meeting on <b>December 2, 2013</b> Approved	<b>Members:</b>	present	not present
	Jim Locke	x	
	Steve Snow	x	
	Bob Barker	x	
	Steve Smith	x	
	Charles Dudek	x	
	<b>Others present:</b>		

Chairman Jim Locke called the meeting to order at 7:03PM.

1. The Board reviewed minutes prepared by Charles Dudek from the November 4 meeting. Bob Barker moved that they be approved with minor typographical amendments and Steve Snow seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Board then reviewed minutes prepared by Steve Smith from the November 18 meeting. Snow moved that they be approved with minor typographical amendments and Dudek seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
2. The Board discussed a follow-up question by Cumberland Farms about adding LED price signs to the top of their gas pumps, a matter that the Board had discussed on November 18. Cumberland asserted that these price indicators were not signs and therefore not subject to the town's sign bylaw. After reviewing definitions in the zoning bylaw, the Board determined that the price indicators are considered signs. Smith moved to instruct Chairman Locke to notify the Building Inspector and Cumberland Farms' representative that their proposed LED price signs are not consistent with the Town's zoning bylaw, nor are they permitted under Cumberland Farms' Special Permit; because the price signs are announcements to the general public, they fit the definition of a sign. Snow seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
3. The Board considered an ANR from the Town of Williamsburg for the transfer of a piece of land in Haydenville, part of a former rail right-of-way, from the Town to Karen McElroy. McElroy in exchange was granting a right of way to the Town of Williamsburg and the City of Northampton. The Board found the plot plan to be irregular and tabled the discussion of the ANR to a future meeting.

4. Chairman Locke asked the members of the board to suggest topics for the Board to consider in 2014. Some suggestions were:

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Board Member</b>
Sign bylaw Enforcement	Snow
Goals for the town's future economic and physical development	Barker
Community Preservation Act	Barker
Where to encourage/discourage development	Dudek
Water & Sewer extension planning	Snow
Density & Growth	Smith
Aging Population	Smith
Bylaws renumbering to allow for future changes	Locke
Applications for Site Plan Review and Special Permits: streamlining and clarifying the application process	Locke

5. The meeting adjourned at 9:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Steve Smith*