

# Montague Planning Board

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Tuesday, June 22, 2010

## MEETING MINUTES

**Present:** Walter Ramsey- Town Planner, Ted Armen-Acting-Chair, Don Valley, Ron Sicard, Bruce Young

- Approval of Minutes: May 25, 2010  
Don Valley made motion to accept the Planning Board meeting minutes for May 25, 2010 as presented, seconded by Ron Sicard, all members present voted in favor.
- Reappointment of Planning Board Members:  
Ted Armen: Expires: 5/31/10 – Chair:  
Bruce Young made motion to appoint Ted Armen as Chair of the Montague Planning Board, term ending **June 22, 2011**, seconded by Don Valley, all members present voted in favor.

Patricia Pruitt: Expires: 5/31/10:

Ted Armen: Patricia Pruitt has decided to end her term with the Montague Planning Board.

Walter Ramsey: Yes, she has decided to end her commitment to the Montague Planning Board completely at this time. A letter of resignation will be forwarded to the Planning Board.

- On-Line Ethic Training:  
Don Valley: Discussed the online training required by the state. All members of the Planning Board are required to complete the online training.

## **UPCOMING BUSINESS:**

APR by Gendron, Amanda & David: Property located at 76 West Mineral Road, Millers Falls MA 01349

Walter Ramsey: This possible APR was given to me a few days ago, they are interested in the APR program, and the Planning Board has some space to comment on the application. I thought that the Planning Board might be interested in this application because the location is on industrial land, located by the Industrial Park. A color photo distributed for review and discussion of the location of the possible project. The land is about 46 acres and is used now for haying, hay for their own horses. No food productions on the property.

Don Valley: Has anything changed, would it be worthy to look back at what was the specific area that was potential industrial park expansion? Financial funding for the proposed APR discussed.

Bruce Young: We should put together a map of all of our APR land and agriculture land that is not protected.

Walter Ramsey: We are finalizing the Open Space & Recreation plan now and that is a component of it. We are completing and inventory of all those lands now.

Bruce Young: Is there a bylaw that indicates that the Conservation Commission has to go through Town Meeting for the funds? If there is an acquisition of land by the Town they are required to go through Town Meeting but the Conservation funds are a separate that you can make purchase from.

Don Valley: Where does the funding come from?

Walter Ramsey: Wetland fees.

Bruce Young: Often the Town will put it in a budget as a line item.

Don Valley: So it is Town funding?

Bruce Young: It is but once it goes into the Conservation Commission funding, it is a separate fund so at the end of the year the funding is not put back into general funds. Are we giving our recommendation for this proposed APR?

Walter Ramsey: Yes, it doesn't have to be a formal recommendation; I would like your opinion on this.

Don Valley: I would like to know if there is any sort of possible future potential planning for this area.

Bruce Young: Explains Soils of Statewide Importance, classifications.

Don Valley: Discussion of future possible expansion of the Industrial Park.

Bruce Young: We will find out more about this then make a recommendation.

Walter Ramsey: Yes, that would be fine.

Bruce Young: From my understanding the Conservation Commission was receiving about \$10,000.00 a year, which has stopped so the \$19,000.00 they have now is very precious.

Turners Falls Water District: ZC #2010-01 by Michael Brown, Turners Falls Water Department: Water Supply Protection District, Assessor's Map 34, Lot 56. Map of the area distributed to the Planning Board, the Turners Falls Water District have a pump they would like to have re-zoned for a water protection supply district. They have a pump on this parcel but no protection, so they wanted us to know they will be moving forward with the rezoning. Map 34 & Lot 56 area discussed.

Ron Sicard made motion to adjourn, Don Valley seconded. All members present voted in favor.

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_