

## PLANNING BOARD

DATE: April 9, 2015  
TIME: 7:00 P.M.  
PLACE: Large Meeting Room  
FOR: Regular Meeting  
PRESENT: Jonathan Hankin, Chairman; Suzanne Fowle; Jack Musgrove  
Jeremy Higa, Associate Member  
Chris Rembold, Town Planner

Mr. Hankin called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

### **FORM A's:**

Patrick McColgan from Taconic Land Surveyors was present with a Form A application on behalf of Harold Shaw for one lot containing 20,979 square feet of land located on the south of Seekonk Road and on the east side of a private way. The parcel is not to be considered a separate building lot.

Mr. Musgrove made a motion to approve the plan, Ms. Fowle seconded, all in favor.

### **MINUTES: MARCH 26, 2015**

Mr. Musgrove made a motion to approve the minutes of March 26, 2015 as amended, Ms. Fowle seconded, all in favor.

### **TOWN PLANNER'S REPORT:**

Mr. Rembold said BRPC is having a 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday dinner on April 30. He asked anyone interested in attending to let him know.

Mr. Rembold said he had attended a Housing Symposium put on by Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation. He said the discussion dealt with accessory dwelling units, cluster developments and multi-family housing. He said there were some employers present who voiced the need for affordable housing stock in South County. He said he hopes some left with ideas about how to support the affordable housing needs in the area. He said it is possible that a community land development like Forest Row might be an answer. He said this is an issue for not just planners to deal with.

Selectman Ed Abrams was present. He mentioned the idea of a split tax rate and how some residential exemptions might help with homeowners creating affordable housing unit.

Mr. Rembold said BRPC has been granted a technical assistance grant to do an economic analysis for the Town. He said he hopes the analysis will help to identify economic sectors to create jobs and attract employers.

Mr. Rembold said there is a small solar array proposed as part of the redevelopment of the Fairgrounds at the north end of the grandstand.

Mr. Rembold said the Main Street construction project will get extremely busy next week as they begin the most difficult aspect of the project including digging down about 2 feet in the roadway.

Mr. Hankin said the Conservation Commission is proposing changes to their regulations. He said he is concerned that they have language that predates 2006. He said he is concerned that what exists is more onerous than the Water Quality Protection District. He said he has recommended that they defer to the WQPD guidelines. He said he was preparing an addendum for Town Meeting.

Having concluded their business, Mr. Hankin adjourned the meeting without objection at 7:56 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Kimberly L. Shaw

Planning Board Secretary