

## PLANNING BOARD

### Annual Report FY 2011

The Seekonk Planning Board is a seven-member elected board, which implements the Town's Subdivision Rules and Regulations, ensuring that streets, sidewalks and utilities under construction in a subdivision meet the Town's specifications. The Board also administers the Zoning By-Laws as required for Site Plan Review.

Members include, Neal H. Abelson, Michael Bourque, Lee B. Dunn, Sandra M. Foulkes, Ronald Bennett, Tom Clancy, and Russ Horsman. This year Bill Rice resigned from the Board as he was elected to the Board of Selectmen and Russ Horsman was appointed to serve until the following election. On April 4, 2011, Lee Dunn was re-elected to serve on the Planning Board.

April 12, 2011, the Planning Board voted to re-organize their members: Neal H. Abelson, Chairman; Michael Bourque, Vice-Chairman; Ronald Bennett, Clerk; Sandra M. Foulkes, Vice-Clerk.

The Planning Board held a public hearing to amend various sections of the Rules and Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land in Seekonk Mass. The Planning Board held four public hearings to amend the following Sections of the Zoning Bylaws: Section 7.1 %General Business+, Section 6.2 %Neighborhood-style Retail Establishments, Section 12 %Signs+ and Section 6.2 %Assisted Living Facilities+, a public hearing for a general bylaw, %Scenic Roads+, and a public hearing for a re-zone application.

The Planning Board obtained technical assistance from SRPEDD for the completion of the Open Space and Recreation Plan and the creation of a land use study for Rt. 44. A draft Housing Production Plan was completed and several efforts to create more affordable housing have begun. Also a consultant began updating the Master Plan and public survey and public forum were completed.

Plans reviewed by the Planning Board in FY 2011:

Form A's: 7 submittals reviewed; 2 new lots created.

Preliminary Plans: 3 submittals reviewed; 26 lots approved;

Definitive Plans: 3 submittals reviewed; 33 lots approved

Site Plans: 2 Site Plan submittals approved

Respectfully Submitted,  
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