

## **PLANNING BOARD**

### **Annual Report FY 2012**

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, Roger Ross, Russ Horsman and James Ostendorf. This year Tom Clancy resigned from the Board and Roger Ross was appointed to serve until the following election. On April 2, 2012, Neal Abelson and Russ Horsman were re-elected to serve on the Planning Board. Roger Ross chose not to run in the election and James Ostendorf was elected to complete the term.

April 10, 2012, the Planning Board voted to re-organize their members: Neal H. Abelson, Chairman; Ronald Bennett, Vice-Chairman; Michael Bourque, Clerk; Lee Dunn, Vice-Clerk.

The Planning Board held two public hearings to amend the following Sections of the Zoning Bylaws: Section 9.9 "Economic Development Area Overlay District", and Section 12 "Signs", and a public hearing to adopt the Master Plan.

The Board adopted the 2012 Master Plan after a public survey was completed and two public forums were held. The Planning Board also approved a draft Parking/Circulation study for Luther's' Corners Village after a public workshop was conducted and a Land Use Study for the commercial corridor along Rt. 44.

The Planning Board worked with Habitat for Humanity to receive the necessary approvals for the construction of an affordable dwelling on tax-title land on Gude Street, which included a LIP Comprehensive Permit and Town Meeting approval to transfer the land. The Board also developed a local permitting guide for residential and commercial permit applications.

Plans reviewed by the Planning Board in FY 2012:

Form A's: 5 submittals reviewed; 7 new lots created.

Preliminary Plans: 2 submittals reviewed; 14 lots approved;

Definitive Plans: 2 submittals reviewed; 12 lots approved

Site Plans: 5 Site Plan submittals approved

Respectfully Submitted,  
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