

PLANNING BOARD

Annual Report FY 2013

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, Russ Horsman, James Ostendorf and Dave Viera. On April 1, 2013, Dave Viera was elected to serve on the Planning Board.

April 9, 2013, 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 four public hearings to amend the following Sections of the Zoning Bylaws: Section 9.10 "Continuing Care Residency Campus Overlay District", Section 25 "Conservation Subdivision Design", Section 9.8 "Solar Photovoltaic Overlay District", and Section 26 "Temporary Moratorium on Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers", two public hearings on zoning map amendments, and a public hearing to adopt amendments to the Subdivision Rules and Regulations.

The Planning Board approved a final Parking/Circulation study for Luther's Corners Village and held a public workshop unveiling the study. The study was forwarded to MassDOT, which has been approved and funded for 2017. The Planning Board also began work on updating the Zoning Bylaws.

Plans reviewed by the Planning Board in FY 2013:

Form A's: 7 submittals reviewed; 6 new lots created.

Preliminary Plans: 1 submittal reviewed; 11 lots approved;

Definitive Plans: 2 submittals reviewed; 9 lots approved

Site Plans: 3 Site Plan submittals approved

Respectfully Submitted,
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