

PLANNING BOARD

Annual Report FY 2014

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, Dave Viera and David Sullivan, Jr. On April 7, 2013, David Sullivan, Jr. was elected and Ronald Bennett was re-elected to serve on the Planning Board. Russ Horsman did not run for re-election.

April 8, 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 public hearings to amend the following Sections of the Zoning Bylaws: Section 9.2 "Wetlands and Floodplain Protection Districts" to reference the updated FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps and Section 26 "Medical Marijuana Overlay District" to take the place of Temporary Moratorium on Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers.

The Planning Board continued working to update the Zoning Bylaws, which includes a new definitions section, dimensional table and use table as well as an overall reorganization of the bylaws. Specific sections that are currently being worked on include the sign and non-conforming sections. The Economic Development Committee began to take shape with a new member on board. A survey was conducted of new businesses in to determine what the Town's strengths and weaknesses are. The Habitat for Humanity project on Gude St. was completed and Seekonk family was selected.

Plans reviewed by the Planning Board in FY 2014:

Form A's: 11 submittals reviewed; 3 new lots created.

Preliminary Plans: 2 submittals reviewed; 16 lots approved;

Definitive Plans: 3 submittals reviewed; 34 lots approved

Site Plans: 6 Site Plan submittals approved

Respectfully Submitted,
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