

Westhampton Zoning Bylaws Review Committee
Tuesday, May 16, 2017

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Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Members Present: John Shaw, Steve Gagne, Art Pichette, John Kelsey,
Ginny Curtis, Bill McCloud, Bridgid O’Riordan

Guest Speaker: Larry Smith, Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

1. Minutes from April 18, 2017 meeting reviewed and approved by 5-0-2 vote.
2. No correspondence received, none to review.
3. Larry Smith handed out his notes (2 pages) on the Zoning Bylaws.
4. Larry Smith handed out the written responses received from Chuck Miller (Building Inspector) to the questions Larry emailed out in February.
5. Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals will similarly provide written responses to Larry’s questions.
6. Verbally, John Kelsey represented that the ZBA’s biggest area of concern is with Pine Island Lake. Many recurring issues that could perhaps be addressed through revision of Zoning Bylaws.
7. Larry Smith offered to pass along an example of a “Zoning Determination” form that other towns such as Spencer have attempted to adopt.
8. Ginny Curtis noted that “commercial trailers” don’t appear to be covered by the current bylaws, and that perhaps this should be an area that gets addressed before they proliferate further. Art Pichette noted that if the trailers have no wheels, they would probably qualify as an “accessory structure” and would need a building permit.
9. The committee reviewed some of Larry Smith’s written comments, specifically, Section II.
10. Larry Smith distributed a proposed reorganization of the zoning bylaws, with his suggestions highlighted.
11. Table of uses to be addressed at next meeting, among other topics. Next meeting will be June 20, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. Next appearance by Larry Smith will be July 18, 2017.
12. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.