

Richmond Planning Board Meeting
Town Hall
Minutes
August 14, 2017

Members present: Rick Bell, Adeline Ellis, John Hanson, Katherine Keenum, John Vittori
(Chairman)

Mr. Vittori opened the meeting at 6:35 P.M.

1. The minutes for the meeting of July 10, 2017, were approved 4–0 as amended in discussion. Mr. Hanson, who had been absent in July, abstained.
2. Mr. Hanson was assigned to be Richmond's delegate to the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRPC), with Mr. Vittori as the alternate delegate.
3. After a free-ranging discussion of what recommendations the Planning Board might make to the Board of Selectmen on the matter of regulating marijuana in response to their request [see minutes for July 10, 2017], it was agreed that Mr. Hanson, Mr. Vittori, and Ms. Ellis would attend a special information meeting to be held in Lenox by the BRPC on August 31, 2017, after which the Planning Board would draw up a letter of recommendations at its next meeting.
4. The schedule for the next meeting was moved from September 11 to September 18, 2017, to enable Mr. Hanson to attend.
5. Mr. Vittori reported that Mark Pruhenski, the Town Administrator, thought it would be hard, if not impossible, to schedule a joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen and other town officials to discuss solar energy zoning [see minutes for July 10, 2017]. Mr. Vittori suggested, instead, that the Planning Board could ask each board to pass along their top three thoughts but that if collective data were not forthcoming, the Board should proceed on its own.

Mr. Vittori adjourned the meeting at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Katherine Keenum, Clerk