



## DISCUSSION ITEMS

### 2012 Ordinances

A determination was made by the Board to focus on ordinances for soil importation, alternative energy and signage. Two other ordinances that need work are for accessory structure and height. Board Attorney Kurt Senesky noted that the accessory structure ordinance should be relatively easy to complete. Board Engineer Lou Slaby indicated the height ordinance needs some modification, which he will address. The Board had some discussion about the complexity of understanding the ordinance. Mr. Slaby indicated the method of measuring comes from the International Building Code and that all engineers should be familiar with the method. A homeowner may have trouble interpreting the process; but if a homeowner is doing work that requires engineering, the applicant usually retains an engineer.

There was some discussion regarding the need for an outdoor furnaces ordinance. Mr. Slaby indicated that currently property owners must meet zoning set back requirements and that this would not be a matter under the jurisdiction of the Planning Board, unless a business is the applicant. The Building Inspector oversees those installed and the property owners must follow construction codes.

Board Member Mr. Gonzales suggested that the Board should also focus on infrastructure to help attract developers. The Board should focus on franchise ordinances.

Chairman Shivas asked Board members to keep a list of the most common variances which will help identify what ordinances may need amending. Mr. Senesky will provide a year-end variance report.

Chairman Shivas noted that the second meeting of every month will be dedicated to Highlands Plan Conformance tasks until this is complete.

The Board had a discussion about soil importation. Subcommittee Chair Ken Kaufhold got information from other municipalities that have soil importation ordinances. A meeting was scheduled for Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 7 p.m. to discuss this ordinance.

Chairman Shivas noted that Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> Planning Board meeting is targeted for the Master Plan Re-exam.

Chairman Shivas noted that Byram Township applied for and received a Smart Growth Grant. Byram was one of fifteen communities out of ninety that applied across America to receive a grant. The grant is for technical assistance in the form of a workshop on Planning Economic and Fiscal Health. Thanks to Margaret McGarrity for her hard work getting this grant!

Chairman Shivas opened to the public. No one from the public came forward. Chairman Shivas closed to the public.

## OTHER BUSINESS

Zoning Officer's report for October - There were no comments or questions regarding the report.

## REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

### Township Council

No report.

### ARC

No report.

### Environmental Commission

No report.

### Open Space

No report.

### Mansfield Superfund Site

Ms. Shimamoto noted the DEP will hold a presentation and Q & A on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. at 7:30 p.m. at the municipal building about the Mansfield Superfund site.

Chairman Shivas opened to the public. No one from the public came forward. Chairman Shivas closed to the public.

## BILLS:

Louis Slaby & Associates \$545.30 (two bills). A motion was made by Mr. Valentine and seconded by Mr. Chozick to approve Mr. Slaby's bills. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Heyer Gruel & Associates \$500.00 (one bill). A motion was made by Ms. Segal and seconded by Mr. McElroy to approve Mr. Slaby's bills. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Schneck, Price, King & \$2,308.00 (seven bills). A motion was made by Mr. Valentine and seconded by Mr. Kaufhold to approve Mr. Slaby's bills. All were in favor. Motion carried.

## ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:30 p.m., Mr. Valentine made a motion to adjourn; it was seconded by Mr. Kaufhold. All were in favor, and Chairman Shivas adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted: *Cheryl White*