

Montague Planning Board

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May 29, 2012 6:30 PM

Town Hall Downstairs Conference Room

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Bruce Young, Ron Sicard (Acting Chair), Fred Bowman, George Cooke and Robert Obear

Absent: None

Staff Present: Walter Ramsey- Town Planner

Meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM by Ron Sicard

Motion was made by Bob Obear to have Ron Sicard be Acting Chair at tonight's meeting. Seconded by, Fred Bowman. Motion passes 4-0.

Motion was made by Fred Bowman to accept and approve the April 24, 2012 minutes. Seconded by George Cooke. Obear abstaining. Motion passed 4-0.

Planner Updates:

- **Upcoming Business: Ewell ANR 2012-02 -Map 48 Lot 140 & 144 -487 Federal Street.**

As discussed at the last meeting, the applicants are seeking a frontage variance from the ZBA. If variance is granted, the applicants will come before the board to split the lots on June 26.

- **Low Impact Design (LID)**

The (FRCOG) Franklin Regional Council of Governments Planning Department is applying for a grant from the DEP's s.319 program to fund technical assistance a – find outreach to communities in the Millers and Connecticut River watersheds regarding Low Impact Development (LID) techniques for managing storm water runoff. The Town of Montague has already set a good example for other Franklin County towns by adopting a Stormwater System Policy in 2009 that applies to certain uses subject to Section 8: Environmental Impact and Site Plan review of the town's zoning bylaw. Since some time has elapsed since the plan the FRCOG's goal would be to assist the Planning Board and the Town Planer in evaluating the many LID options that could work in Montague. Some of the topics that encourage the use of LID are as follows: dimensional requirements – for example minimizing setback distances in residential districts in order to increase flexibility with regard to house location, parking requirements for example permit use of permeable paving for parking stalls and spillover parking areas, and site plan requirements for example require driveway width of no more than 9 feet.

Motion was made by Fred Bowman to support the FRCOG's s.319 grant application to incorporate Low Impact Development (LID) into local land use controls to reduce storm water pollution in the Millers River Watershed. Seconded by, George Cooke. Motion passed 5-0.

- Zoning Bylaw Reorganization-Walter reported that this is a work in progress
- Review Downtown Turners Falls Vision Plan RFP-Walter reported that the RFP is to be released July 11. Project to be completed by June 30, 2013
- Turnpike Road Industrial Park Master Plan-Walter reported that the report is complete and available on the Town Website.

Meeting adjourned 7:47 PM

Approved by: _____ Date: _____

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