

Egremont Planning Board Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2023

Call to order: 10:05 AM

Planning Board: Jared Kelly (JK), Chairman absent; Mary McGurn (MM); Stephen Lyle (SL), Secretary; Matthew Bersani (MB); Treasurer; Eddie Regendahl (ER), Vice Chairman; Donna Bersch (DB), Associate Member

Citizens in Attendance: Eileen Vining (EV), Steve Goodman (SG)

Form A's: None

Chapter 61: None

Mail: Town of Sheffield two public hearing notices. Town of Great Barrington public notice.

Special Permit Application: The Board reviewed the timeline and hearing date for Walter McTeigue and Caroline Wheeler, 76 Townhouse Hill Road, for a special permit for an ADU over 800 square feet.

Minutes: Tabled.

Citizen's Time: None

Updates and Discussion:

Comprehensive Plan

The Board reviewed the proposed public workshop materials for March 11, 2023. SL requested more attention to Egremont's carbon footprint and mitigation, including solar, heat pumps, and insulation. MB offered that this topic was too extensive and technical for the Comprehensive Plan. SG mentioned transportation as a possible issue, especially related to cluster housing. The Board discussed the promotion of the workshop.

Fence bylaw

ER reported on his research of other Towns' fence bylaws. Several prohibit chain link and barbed wire fencing, discourage solid fencing, and include height and setback restrictions on road frontage fencing for safety reasons. ER found no dominant prohibitions on fences in state law. Further discussion was tabled.

Watershed Overlay: Tabled.

Definition of Structure: Tabled.

Junk Cars Bylaw: Tabled.

Future Meeting: March 15, 2023, at 10 AM

Adjourned: 11:23 AM