

TOWN OF GEDDES  
PLANNING BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 28, 2018

PRESENT: Chairman Bob Fanelli, Vince Bongio, George Panarites, Stuart Spiegel, Mark Zoanetti

IN ATTENDANCE: Don Doerr (Town Attorney)

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

Discussion of the minutes of the last meeting was deferred; they were not available due to the absence of Debbie Burns. In her absence, Stuart Spiegel took meeting minutes.

Chairman Fanelli noted that the only agenda item was the consideration of changes to distance setbacks in the billboard overlay district, as discussed at the January meeting. The Planning Board had been informed that this item had not been properly referred to the Planning Board at that time, which was corrected at the Town Board meeting of February 26, 2018. Chairman Fanelli requested comments from the Board.

Michael Kempisty had submitted a letter to each member of the Planning Board that he requested be included in the consideration by the Planning Board of the proposed action.

Vince Bongio asked why there was a change in the setback distances. By email to the Town Engineer, he had requested information about the exact locations of existing billboards in the overlay district from their respective property lines and each other. As of this meeting, no response had been received.

Don Doerr noted that the proposed amendment had been made by the Town Board; its motivation was not relevant to the Planning Board's consideration. There is a technical requirement that such an amendment be sent to the Planning Board; it had been done in compliance with that procedural issue.

Stuart Spiegel suggested that, absent any new information, the Planning Board should take the same approach as it did at the preceding meeting. George Panarites concurred.

Don Doerr had a copy of the draft meeting minutes from the January 2018 Planning Board meeting, which contained the wording of the motion made and passed at that time.

Stuart Spiegel moved to use that language as follows, to send a letter to the Town Board on this issue saying that the Planning Board acknowledges the changes absent information regarding the basis for the changes; consequently, the Board has no comment on the proposed action.

Seconded: George Panarites                      All in Favor                      Motion Passed

Motion to Adjourn: Stuart Spiegel

Seconded: George Panarites                      All in Favor                      Motion Passed

Meeting Adjourned at 7:17

Stuart J. Spiegel  
Town of Geddes Planning Board