



**Planning Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 16th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
Bristol Town Office**

Committee Members present: Andrea Cox, Patricia Jennings, Jason Lord (Alternate)

Also present: Joseph Rose and Jessica Westhaver

Public: None

Absent: Jeff Eilenberg, Robert Cushing, Benjamin Pendleton and Andrew Poland (Alternate)

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Andrea Cox, Chairperson.

Old Business –

- Sign Ordinance Suggestions for presentation to the Selectmen (continued from previous meeting)
 - The Board revisited exactly what the question asked at Town Meeting:

To see if the Town is in favor of the use of Illuminated, Digital Signs in the Town.

- Westhaver reviewed the conversation she had with MMA Legal surrounding the ability to add a paragraph into the Land Use Ordinance instead of creating a full Sign Ordinance.
 - Rose stated his concern of the risk the town would be open to if placed only in the Land Use Ordinance. After discussion, Rose did state that he believes placing a paragraph into the LUO would be the best path as long as the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance is also addressed.
- The board discussed the public's reasoning behind voting against Illuminated, Digital Signs. The board will hold a meeting requesting public input on questions to put out in survey form, in order to determine what tax payers oppose of the sign to get a better understanding of what direction a Sign Ordinance should go. This is possibly a suggestion that will be made to the Selectmen prior to a Sign Ordinance.
 - Board reviewed Survey Monkey for the cost of putting out a survey.
 - Board will solicit questions from the public to compile a survey.
 - Cox requested that as many Planning Board members as possible be present for this meeting in order to have as much input as possible.

House Keeping –

- Westhaver to re-send town ordinances to Cox that were provided from an earlier meeting regarding sign use for other towns.
- Westhaver to contact all members to obtain a head count on who can attend public meeting on December 7th.
- Westhaver to contact Maia from LCN to publish an article to promote the public to attend meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM. The next meeting is to be held on Thursday, December 7th, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Westhaver
Staff Liaison

PLANNING BOARD APPROVED: _____