

Planning Board Sign Subcommittee

Attending: Craig Francisco, John VanLoendersloot, Brian Ivinjack, Marc Phillips, Jack Dearborn, Tina Conner

Public Attending: Thomas Clow

Meeting started at 1830 3/31/2015.

Craig nominated as Chair by John, Brian 2nded, passed 5-0-0

John nominated as secretary by Craig, Tina 2nded, passed 5-0-0

Discussed sign special exceptions from the Zoning Board, history of signs in town, sign illumination (internal vs external) and new technology (dimming lights, LED lights).

Craig stated that one of the things he would like changed is the requirement for the sign applicants to come before the planning board for approval (article 34.3.1). He would like this removed and put this back in the hands of the Code Enforcement Officer.

Jack expressed concern over how to overcome the issue of having commercial and residential zones intermixed throughout the town.

Jack asked if we our goal is to change Article 34 to solve present day sign issues or try to anticipate future sign issues.

Marc started a discussion regarding "reader boards" and their size restrictions in Article 34.

Brian brought up size restriction differences between the Village district and Commercial zones.

Guest Thomas Clow stated he would like Article 34.5 (Sign setbacks) stay, Article 34.9.5 should stay and felt that 34.9.2 listed unreasonable heights.

Discussion resumed about "reader boards".

John handed out sign articles from surrounding towns and a study done by Villanova University regarding Illuminated signs vs unlit signs and their impact.

Committee agreed to meet on the first and third Tuesday @ 1830 in the town office

Meeting closed at 2000.

Respectfully submitted by John VanLoendersloot