

Westmoreland Planning Board Minutes
12/8/22

Attending: Lauren Bressett, Tim Thompspon, Bruce Smith, Larry Siegel, Liana Capra, Alison Fisette, Kristen Riley (Alt., clerk). Excused: John Snowdon

Lauren Bressett called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Review of minutes from 11/21/22

Tim Thompson pointed out a grammatical error on the first page, in the second paragraph from the bottom. There should be an “and” separating the words “state” and “federal”. Liana moved to accept the changes to minutes. Tim Thompson accepted the motion. All voted in favor.

Final Read through of ordinances

In section 431.2, Kristen Riley questioned if the board should be limiting sign square footage, as some businesses may require more signs for the safety of patrons. Lauren Bressett suggested adding a section C., which would read, “Additional signage may be approved by the planning board.”

Alan Bell, who attended the meeting for public comment, pointed out that there are no stipulations on the placement of the signs. If signs are not visible from the road, he does not think they should be limited. Larry Siegel suggested changing the wording to read:

Signage visible from public ways or abutters shall be allowed for permitted or approved non-residential uses on the immediate property where the use occurs. The combined area of all signs does not exceed 18 square feet for all uses and are not contiguous with the primary sign.

- A. No signs shall be larger than 6 square feet.
- B. Signs shall not exceed 6 feet from ground level
- C. Additional signage may be approved by the planning board

Alan Bell also suggested that the board should look over and update the town’s solar power ordinances.

Wind Ordinances

The board reviewed some examples of both small and large wind energy systems. There is a lot to consider. Lauren Bressett asked the selectmen if it is possible to put a weekly question on the town website. This could be a way to gather information for a variety of ordinances we are revising. Questions for wind power to consider include:

- What district shall be permitted?
- What height shall be permitted?
- What concerns do you have with wind ordinances?

Larry Siegel moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 pm. Liana Capra seconded that motion. All voted in favor.

Kristen Riley, Clerk.