

Tyringham Planning Board
Meeting Minutes – January 23, 2012
(Approved 02/13/12)

Present: Robin Almgren, Carey McIntosh, Jerry Miller, Ed Nardi, Barbara Palmer

(1) Minutes – Minutes for 9 Jan., 2012, approved as circulated.

(2) Public comment -- Ed reported from BRPC that lots of new searchable data is available at a new website, berkshirebenchmarks.org. Also, Lanesborough has just finished changing its electricity supplier, to "Community Choice Power," which saves money.

(3) Wireless Communications Bylaw consultant -- Jerry has drafted a Request for Proposals, approved by Jeremia Pollard. Ed and Carey have written an application for a technical assistance grant from BRPC to help us write the new bylaw. Carey drafted a public notice of the RFP, to go in the Berkshire Eagle this week, with a deadline of 17 February. Board members are asked to get names of possible candidates.

(4) Bylaw 6.7 draft -- The Board continued to discuss specific changes to our draft. Discussion centered on the 600' distance voted at the last meeting. A tower built 600' from the residence on that lot may be only 200' from the boundary line of the property, so that the owner of the abutting property is prohibited from building a residence in the 400' of her land near the tower. This constitutes an infringement on a property-owner's right to use her land as she chooses. It was moved and voted to ask the Assessor to supply maps with circles around residences representing no-build zones of 600' and 300', also 200' from ponds and perennial streams. Board members are asked to print out Barbara's recent draft, which is based on Carey's, which is based on Jerry's, and bring comments to the next meeting, 13 Feb.

(5) Files -- Molly has found a place for our files in Town Hall. Jerry and Carey will go over the stuff in the schoolhouse and decide which should be moved. A memo from the state Supervisor of Public Records allows most Planning Board records to be destroyed after a specified period, except for Special Permit applications, decisions, and Notices of Public Hearings, and except for Zoning Bylaw changes and their Public Hearings.