

**Limington Planning Board  
Meeting Minutes  
August 15, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 7:21 p.m. at the Limington Municipal Complex by Chair, Joyce Foley. Planning Board members present: Joyce Foley, Stanley Hackett and Tom Witkowski.

Members Absent: Pete Langevin

Staff present: Donna Sawyer, Secretary to the Planning Board

Others: Emil Braley, Selectmen for Limington

**Items for Discussion:**

1. Approve 08/1/17 minutes
2. Review the Sign Ordinance section.

Chair Foley welcomed everyone and thanked the viewing public for their patience. She said there was a quorum issue and it caused the 15 minutes delay.

**Review of August 1, 2017 Minutes:**

Joyce had one change in the next to last paragraph on page 1. She wanted the sentence to read: "if the change is approved at the March Town meeting rather than "once the change is approved at a public hearing". The secretary will make the change.

A discussion followed about lumins and colored lights versus white lights for signs. Emil Braley, Selectmen voiced his views for internal colored lights for signs/external lights.

Emil Braley next addressed the issue of the Code Officer's attendance at planning board meetings. Emil said Mr. Hutchins, Code Officer, had a commitment on Tuesday nights for another town and could not make Limington's planning board meetings on the same night. The Board agreed to move their meetings back to Monday nights.

Chair woman, Foley, next asked Emil Braley if an attorney should review the changes the board makes to the ordinance before it goes to a public hearing. Emil said it was prudent to get legal advice and said he didn't know how much money was in the budget for legal review, but thought an attorney should review the document prior to public hearing.

### **Sign Ordinance**

Review of the sign ordinance began. Chair Foley said she preferred external lighting rather than internal lights.

The board reviewed sign ordinance beginning with 11.P. Signs. They used Stanley's recent memo as a basis for discussion.

Foley first referred to Glare as it appears on Page 98.

Discussion then followed lighting in 11.P - Residential Districts. They reviewed section 11.P.1 Signs that began with 11.P.1.A through 11.P.E. No changes would be added or deleted in this section.

Members then moved to 11.P.2 - Commercial Zones. This section included 11.P.2. through 11.P.4.B. An addition was made to add "existing signs are grandfathered".

A few changes were made in section 11.P.3 – Illumination of Signs. Discussion continued to the end of this section. It was decided to have Stanley make the changes discussed. He will be responsible for providing his draft copy of the changes to the secretary for formatting prior to the public hearing.

It was further decided that the board would meet on October 2 to wrap up the sign ordinance.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. These minutes were taken and transcribed by Donna Sawyer, Secretary to the board.