

Approved 2/17/10

**HAMPDEN PLANNING BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 27, 2010
Town House**

Meeting called to order: 7:01pm

Members Present – John Matthews, Acting Chair, Charlie Dolben and Robert Howarth.

Absent – Neil Flynn and Joe Kruzel

Minutes – The minutes from the January 13th meeting were read. Mr. Dolben made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Howarth seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Bills – The clerk's payroll voucher was approved and signed.

Bill St. Clair/28 Commercial Dr – did not attend the meeting.

Kathy Hickson/36 Commercial Dr – rescheduled to 2/10 meeting.

Peter Imler/106 East Longmeadow Rd – Mr. Imler brought in an updated site plan for review. He noted a new paved area in the back and the open pavilion which were not on the original site plan. Stanton Auctions has been doing the same thing with no notable changes. Every 4-5 weeks they hold an auction on the premises. Eight or nine months out of the year they hold the auctions on Tuesday evenings. They have held some auctions on Saturdays during the day. They have been in business for 30 years per Mr. Imler. The Board reviewed the parking area. Mr. Imler stated that there is plenty of room for parking. The parking area surrounds the building. Occasionally, he will notice cars parked on Commercial Drive but noted that this is due to customer preference and not necessity. The Board added that the auction hours do not coincide with the other businesses' hours on Commercial Drive and no complaints have been received. The Board thanked Mr. Imler for coming in to the meeting and updating his site plan.

FY11 Budget Requests – The Advisory Board has requested that the departments submit their FY11 level-serviced budget request sheets by 2/8 for review. The Planning Board is scheduled to meet with Advisory to discuss the budget requests on 3/8. The Board filled out the budget request sheet. Mr. Flynn will sign it.

Open Space Plan – The Board reviewed the Open Space Plan presented by Sherry Himmelstein. A letter of review will be sent to her to submit with the Plan.

Other Items – Other items reviewed without further discussion.

Mail - Reviewed

Mr. Dolben made a motion to adjourn at 7:55pm. Mr. Howarth seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Submitted by: Deborah House, Clerk