

## SEYMOUR PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes  
April 10, 2014  
Norma Drummer Room, Town Hall

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DATE: 4/14/14  
TIME: 11:22 AM  
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**Members Present:** D. Bitso, W. Birdsell, B. Koskelowski, J. Ziehl

**Members Absent:** T. Lavranchuk, D. Scheck, Alt.

**Others Present:** Bob Looker, Town Planner, Bill Paecht, ZEO

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman, Dave Bitso.

### **1. Proposed Zone Change, 15 Highland Street**

Chm. Bitso stated that this application has been withdrawn.

### **2. Long Range Planning Committee**

Chm. Bitso stated that Don Smith spoke to the Commission regarding this Committee last month and asked that the members think of some suggestions and recommendations for the Committee to consider. Mr. Bitso stated that it will be on the agenda again next month and asked the members to have some ideas to pass on to the Long Range Planning Committee.

### **3. Proposed Zone Text Changes, Section 13 Signs**

Mr. Paecht stated that there have been some problems over the last several years with inconsistencies in the sign regulations. He stated that it seems unfair that some businesses are not allowed to have certain type of signs when others can have them. The proposed changes would allow all businesses to have the same signs and these would be allowed during regular business hours. The changes would also cover grand opening type of signs which would be allowed for a certain length of time. The changes would help them to promote their business. It would also allow for portable sandwich type signs during normal business hours. Mr. Birdsell was concerned that the signs would remain up and could block sidewalks, crosswalks or entrances. Mr. Paecht stated that there are certain restrictions in the regulations which should cover those concerns.

**MOTION:** W. Birdsell/J. Ziehl to schedule a public hearing on this for May 8, 2014 at 7:20 p.m.

**Motion carried 4-0.**

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***4. Zoning Enforcement***

Mr. Paecht stated that he was unable to print his report but stated that there has been very little construction in town. He also stated that he spoke with representatives at Chatfield Farms on getting the sidewalks done. He also stated that the permit process has changes and it is somewhat stricter than it had been. He reported on the Haynes project behind Stop & Shop and stated that Stop & Shop is responsible for doing clean up work on the property. He stated that they have started this. He also stated that the

clean up and demolition work at the Seymour Lumber Company property should begin shortly. The members also discussed the problems with signage in town and Mr. Paecht stated that if he speaks with the tenant and nothing is done about removing the signs he is going to contact the property owner.

***5. Minutes – Public Hearing and Regular Meeting – March 13, 2014***

**MOTION:** B. Koskelowski/W. Birdsell to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2014 public hearing and regular meeting.  
**Motion carried 4-0**

**MOTION:** W. Birdsell/B. Koskelowski to adjourn the meeting.  
**Motion carried 4-0.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryanne DeTullio, Recording Secretary