

Webster Planning Board Minutes
Site Plan Review Regulations Work Session
October 15, 2019
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The work session was called to order at 6:35 p.m. Planning Board members present were Chair Susan Rauth, Lynmarie Lehmann, Paul King and Craig Fornier. The purpose of the meeting was to finalize the approach for regulating the use of signs on non-residential property.

The members reviewed and compared the language in the draft Site Plan Review regulations with a proposal for a sign ordinance prepared by Craig Fornier. It was noted there were many similarities and overlap between the two versions. The focus of both the regulation and the ordinance is to promote safety for residents and visitors in the design and placement of signs. It was also noted the proposal was written to regulate signs on all property, residential and commercial, which was not the original intent of the site plan review regulations.

After a lengthy discussion, the Board agreed that the more specific sign requirements should be adopted by the Town as an ordinance rather than as a regulation, which is the practice in many of the Towns reviewed. The draft Site Plan Review regulations will retain general language about signs, with a slight revision. The Board will work on another version of a proposed sign ordinance, including size specifications, to perhaps be ready for Town vote next March. The Board will conduct a broader review of the sign ordinances in nearby, similar Towns. Matt Monahan of CNHRPC will be contacted for recommendations and review.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Prepared and submitted by:

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Chair