

Sandisfield Planning Board Meeting
December 13, 2022

Agenda items:

1. Philip Blume
2. Annual Town Report
3. Discussion on results of STM
4. Discussion on Short Term Rentals
5. Minutes
6. Mail and warrants
7. Any other business not anticipated within 48 hours
8. Adjourn

In attendance:

Barbara Cormier-Chair
Paul Adams
Paul Gaudette
Bill Taylor

Absent:

Lisa Leavenworth

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM by Barbara Cormier

1. Philip Blume- Form A- approved
2. Annual Town Report-discussion ensued about what to put in the annual report. for 2021/22
3. Review minutes from 11/1/22 and 11/15/22 approved
4. Accessory Dwelling Unit - the town meeting minutes reflect that residents who attended want the ADU to be reviewed by Planning Board.
One change was made-to eliminate the pre-existing dwelling requirement. A new detached 900 square feet dwelling can be built.
5. The Shared Driveway Bylaw was approved as presented.
6. Short term rental discussions-
advantages and disadvantages to town
goal of Sandisfield-plus and minuses

Pros:

Income to the town through registration fees and tax.
Tourist development equals economic development

Disadvantage:

Changes to rural character and neighbors.
Rapid changeover of occupants in houses
Possible additional costs for public services
Lower availability of housing stock.

The Planning Board members will review other Berkshire towns STR bylaws
In addition the camping bylaw will be discussed at the January 10, 2023 meeting.

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7. We review all mail.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM