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**PLANNING BOARD February 23 2004**  
**Planning Board Meeting Minutes**

Members Present: Susan Farrell, Jim Colman, Tom Bouchard, Mike Ruprecht, Thomas Bott,  
Town Planner

**7:00 p.m.– Meeting Called to Order**

Board approved Meeting minutes of February 9, 2004 Board approved with minor change.

7:05 p.m. – Ms. Farrell read the zoning hearing for the Annual Town Meeting.

Article 27 - Amnesty for accessory housing was in question , in reference to whether the Board should hold off on that. Mr. Bott explained that he received an email from Betsy Lane, Town Counsel, and that there was a question of whether we would need amnesty by-law, as we have quite a few 40B applications now. He also mentioned that he had received an email from Kevin Donovan who wanted to replace the article with something else regarding accessory housing. He said that if the Planning Board voted to withdraw the amnesty by-law article, then we should replace it with something else. The Board reviewed the email from Kevin and decided to put the article on hold for the Fall Town Meeting.

Article 28 - Mr. Bott has concerns. He asked Mr. Donovan for input regarding the conversion of publicly owned buildings. He hasn't heard back from him. Mr. Bott says we should move it. It would convert the old Town House for office space. Mr. Bouchard mentioned that he is putting a bid on Maple St. School and the Town House, with is partner Brian McWilliams. They want to remodel it. Not sure if it's worth it, as he has evaluated the work that needs to be done on it. He was thinking of a non-profit children's museum. Ms. Farrell moved to support the conversion. Mr. Ruprecht second. Vote was unanimous. Mr. Bouchard abstained. The Board moved to take no action on Article 27 without prejudice. Thereby allowing the board to come back to this issue at a future meeting, for a future Town Meeting warrant. Ms. Farrell motioned to open the warrant and insert that clause. Mr. Colman motioned to close the hearing. Mr. Ruprecht second. Vote unanimous.