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NORTON PLANNING BOARD MEETING
MINUTES OF APRIL 27, 2021

The Planning Board Meeting of APRIL 27, 2021 was called to order at Via Remote Participation on ZOOM at 7:15 p.m. by Mr. Timothy Griffin, Chairman. Members present via call in, per the Governors Order on Remote Participation, were, Mr. Steve Hornsby, Mr. Allen Bouley, Julie Oakley, Mr. Kevin O'Neil, Mr. Wayne Graf and Mr. Scott Bichan. Also in attendance was Paul DiGiuseppe.

Mr. Griffin summarizes Governor Bakers order on remote meeting policy, along with a reminder of guidelines for the public chat in the meeting.

Nominations

Chairman

Mr. O'Neil nominates Mr. Griffin as Chairman, and Mr. Bichan Seconds.

Mr. Griffin accepts as Chairman of the board.

Vice-Chairman

Mr. O'Neil nominates Mrs. Oakley as Vice-Chairman of the board, Mr. Hornsby seconds.

Mr. Griffin nominates Mr. Hornsby as Vice-Chairman, he kindly declines.

Mrs. Oakley accepts as Vice-Chairman of the board.

Clerk

Mr. O'Neil nominates Mr. Hornsby as clerk, he kindly declines.

Mr. O'Neil nominates Mr. Bichan as Clerk, Mr. Hornsby seconds.

Mr. Bichan accepts as Clerk of the Planning Board.

Minutes:

April 6th continued.

Meeting Dates

May 11, 25

June 8, 22

July 13, 27

August 10, 24

SP-494: 0 Rear Eddy Street. Application for a Special Permit for a common driveway, duplexes, and development in Wetland Protection District. Owner/Applicant: Sharlene Widak-Smith. Continued from July 14, 2020, July 28, August 25, 2020, September 15, 2020, September 29, 2020, October 6, 2020, October 27, 2020, November 17, 2020, December 1, 2020, December 15, 2020, January 5, 2021, February 2, 2021, February 23, 2021 and March 23, 2021.

Applicant did not respond to the directors' attempt of contact.

Mr. DiGiuseppe shares they are continued till may 10th for conservation.

Motion to continue to June 8th by Mr. Hornsby, second Mrs. Oakley. Discussion ensues on the boards options with proceeding. Board notes they may close the public hearing next meeting
Roll Call- Yes, Mr. Griffin, Mr. Bichan, Mrs. Oakley, Mr. O'Neil, Mr. Hornsby. Mr. Bouley and Mr. Graf recuse themselves.

Presentation by Solar Norton Retail regarding their upcoming application for a proposed dispensary at 242 Mansfield Avenue.

Mr. Clark presents the board with existing condition plans of the site. He then shares the site development plan that shows the new building, landscaping, parking, lighting, etc.

Mr. Andre Arzumanyan speaks to the board on more general terms about the project, and that he has met with the mobile home community behind the site. He also spoke to the odor control, and that they have shared their control plan with a reviewer and the outcome of the review was that they would not generate an odor nuisance.

Mr. Griffin asks about the traffic generation and how general customer work flow would work. Mr. Arzumanyan shares the different levels of access within the building and the safety precautions they have to take for employees and customers.

An Abutter, Chris Keyes, shares his support for growth in this area and realizes with change, there will be traffic concerns. He currently rides his bicycle along this route and knows the risks of the road that exist now. Thinks with more growth, the state will start to change their view on the area and see this as more important to help keep safe.

Refresher on the Marijuana Bylaw

Mrs. Renee Deley reviews the recently approves marijuana By-law, how the overlay district will work, and licensing details, to name a few topics.

For a full overview, please see the recording posted to the Norton Media Center YouTube page.

General Business

Mrs. Nicole Salvo addresses the board to share her gratitude for the time spent being a part of the board and the department. She lets the members know this is her last meeting as she will be leaving the Town of Norton.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:42pm made by Mrs. Oakley, Second Mr. Hornsby. Roll Call- Yes, Mr. Griffin, Mr. Bichan, Mrs. Oakley, Mr. Graf, Mr. O'Neil, Mr. Hornsby, Mr. Bouley.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Nicole Salvo, Department of Planning and Economic Development Administrative Assistant.

Minutes Approved on: May 11, 2021

Signature

