NORTON PLANNING BOARD MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 12, 2019

The Planning Board Meeting of November 12, 2019 was called to order at Norton Town Hall, Board of Selectmen’s Chambers, at 7:15 p.m. by Mr. Steven Hornsby, Chair. Members present were Ms. Julie Oakley, Mr. Oren Sigal, Mr. Timothy Griffin, Mr. Scott Bichan, Mr. Joe Fernandes and Mr. Kevin O’Neil. Also in attendance was Paul DiGiuseppe, Planning Director.

Bills and Warrants
Motion to approve Mr. Fernandes, Second Mr. Griffin. All in favor.

Approval of Minutes
Motion to approve October 17th minutes made by Mr. Fernandes, Second Mr. Sigal. Abstain Mr. O’Neil and Mr. Griffin. Motion passes.

Internal Business
Scheduling- Discussion on setting ahead for planning to be held at end of meeting.

Public hearing- Continued: SP-486: 60 West Main Street/Cumberland Farms, Inc.
Application for Site Plan and Special Permits for a convenience store and filling station. Continued from June 4, August 20, 2019, and September 10, 2019.

Mr. Fernandes watched the Sept 10th meeting.
Tom Reidy, Attorney for Cumberland Farms- Provides refresher for the application and history
- May, June, Sept.
- Zone III now approved; SP needed for the Zone III
- Stormwater report submitted and now with Peer Reviewer
- Site changes- building, access isles etc.
- Traffic review for this meeting
  - Murine Schlebec: McMahon associates
    - Review of comments and responses
  - Board comments:
    - Time of the study, during school, when seniors are out/in
    - Eastbound que
    - Adding a center turning lane would squeeze out the opportunity for a bike lane which is desired by the complete street’s initiative, increase street width for bike path
    - Crash data
o Sharon Wafuse: Buses are now leaving the school by the dental office.
  • Buses being routed out a new exit- to be checked with schools
  • Proximity of driveways for schools and gas station
  • Board will review past meetings for comments that may not have been addressed
  • Concern with adding any amount of traffic with the current situation we have

o Peer reviewer: Sean Kelly McMahon
  • Level service F
  • Review of que’s
  • Issues during peak hours
  • Peak hours in the afternoon

o John Marchan
  • Deliveries take place near the dumpsters-concrete pad

o Board:
  • Peak hours during the afternoon for leaving school or leaving work
  • Concern of buses getting kids home later in the dark due to the traffic increasing
  • Overlap sight triangles so you can see the sightlines of all adjacent driveways
  • Concerns of multiple “peak” times not just morning and evening hour pertaining to the safety of the area

o Sue Leaber-would like to know delivery times, will this be discussed tonight or in the future.

o Cumberland Farms is NOT working on the site at this time, it is being used as staging for another project.

Motion to Continue to December 3 made by Mrs. Oakley, Second by Mr. Bichan. All in favor.

Internal Business
Cancelling meeting on November 19th due to no applications needing to be on the agenda.
Future meetings through June are now scheduled out

Motion to adjourn at 9:00pm was made by Mrs. Oakley, Mr. O’Neil Second, All in favor.

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

Minutes Approved on: 11/3/19

Signature