

Shutesbury Planning Board Minutes

12.12.2022

(Approved – 02.13.2023)

Virtual Meeting

Meeting Start: 7:00pm

Members Present: Deacon Bonnar, Michael DeChiara, Jeff Lacy, Nathan Murphy, Steven Bressler, Jeff Weston, Robert Raymond

Members Absent: None

Associate Members: None

Associate Members Absent: Jake Messier, Ashleigh Pycroft

Staff Members: Carey Marshall (LUC)

Other Present: Harriet Smith, Mac Tyrell, Doc Pruyne, and all other unidentified individuals.

Chair's Call to Order at 7:02pm

Meeting is being recorded

Public comment

Mac Tyrell asks if mailed notices will be sent out again since the Public Hearing is occurring on a different date; PB confirms.

DeChiara summarizes that in 2020 PB passed an Associate Member bylaw that was partially approved by the Attorney General's office (allowing associate members for special permits only). After discussion with Donna MacNicol, Town Counsel, and Bob Richie, they were advised to take a legislative pathway; SelectBoard agreed and guided DeChiara to Joe Comerford's office – Lacy and DeChiara spoke with two representatives who will have further discussion with Comerford. DeChiara also spoke with a representative from MMA who is going to have further discussion about this matter to their Chief legislator. Lacy reached out to the American Planning Association Massachusetts Chapter, Massachusetts Association of Planning Directors, and Ben Fiero; plans to speak with Richie to see if organization (Mass Municipal Lawyers Association) would support this matter as well.

DeChiara reminds PB of three possible bylaws that should be discussed at the next meeting to establish a plan to bring to next Annual Town meeting if PB too; Lighting bylaw, Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Plan bylaw, and Hazard Mitigation Plan bylaw.

Minutes 8/8, 9/12

Lacy introduced the topic of the level of detail in meeting minutes and suggested that detail is more appropriate when there is a motion on the floor; PB and LUC, Carey Marshall, agree. LUC thanks Lacy and PB for their constructive feedback.

08/08 – Motion: DeChiara moves to approve the minutes for 08/08, Lacy seconds. Vote: Bonnar- Aye, Bressler- Aye, DeChiara- Abstain, Lacy- Aye, Murphy- Aye, Raymond- Aye, and Weston- Aye. So moved.

09/12 – Motion: DeChiara moves to approve the minutes for 09/12, Lacy seconds. Vote: Bonnar- Aye, Bressler- Aye, DeChiara- Abstain, Lacy- Aye, Murphy- Aye, Raymond- Aye, and Weston- Aye. So moved.

Public hearing on Wightman Open Space Design Proposal for parcel H-151 on Leverett Road

*Due to a conflict on Legal Notice publishing, PB will not be opening the Public Hearing for Open Space Design Special Permit for Leverett Rd Lot H – 151. **The Public Hearing has been scheduled for January 11, 2023 at 7:30pm***

Solar update

None

Unanticipated business

None

Motion to Adjourn: Bressler moves to adjourn, Lacy seconds. Vote: Bonnar- Aye, Bressler- Aye, DeChiara- Aye, Lacy- Aye, Murphey- Aye, Raymond- Aye, and Weston- Aye.

Meeting Close: 7:38

Documents Used:

- 2022 solar bylaw revision -v 8-7-22