



Town of Southwick

Planning Board

MINUTES



Tuesday, May 26, 2020

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Michael Doherty, Chair
Marcus Phelps, Vice Chair
Richard Utzinger
David Sutton
Jessica Thornton, Associate
Alan Slessler, Town Planner
Meghan Lightcap, Secretary

ABSENT: David Spina

A special meeting of the Planning Board was scheduled via Zoom and was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by Mr. Doherty. He stated that the meeting was being recorded and asked if anyone in the audience was recording the meeting. Doug Moglin, Joe Deedy, Randy Brown, Felipe Cravo and Farzaan Mufeed were also in attendance.

PLANNER'S REPORT: 7:10 p.m.

Pending Special Permits

1. Bill Liss is looking at a lot on 79 Mort Vining Road. Access to the lot is encumbered by wetlands. Next door neighbor has an Estate Lot with a common driveway: he would like to use neighbors Drive (serves two lots now).
2. Received questions about the American Inn and permits required.
3. Completed review on Verizon cell tower.
4. Completed review on Sunnyside Road Storm Water Permit with Engineer.
5. 1 Two States Avenue questions on site plan (Build home only now).
6. Storm water permit behind Cove.
7. 101 Point Grove Road has questions for off-site parking for ten marina boat slips.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: 7:30 p.m.

Doug Moglin, 5 Hidden Place Drive, was asking for update on Wok on Waters inquiry to put in extra parking spots across from their restaurant at the old Cove Restaurant site. Mr. Slessler told him he spoke with owner and told her there is too much liability involved with people crossing busy street to get to restaurant, someone could get hit by car.

APPOINTMENTS:

7:40 p.m. Fred Jackson Road

Public Hearing

Mr. Doherty designated Jessica Thornton, Associate as a Voting Member because Mr. Sutton was not present at start of meeting. Mr. Slessler explained that a Maple tree needed to be removed on Fred Jackson Road in order to replace a culvert. Randy Brown, DPW Director, attended meeting and was given the floor to speak in detail about removing the tree. He stated it is a healthy tree that doesn't qualify for removal, under normal circumstances, but needs to be removed to install a new culvert. Mr. Doherty put up a picture of the tree on the main screen for audience to see.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Phelps and **SECONDED** by Mr. Utzinger to close the hearing for Planning Board and DPW.

Roll call vote:

Mr. Doherty, yes	Mr. Phelps, yes	Mr. Utzinger, yes
Mr. Sutton, yes	Mrs. Thornton, yes	
Mr. Brown, yes		

A MOTION was made by Mr. Phelps and **SECONDED** by Mr. Utzinger for a positive vote to grant a Permit to Mr. Brown to remove tree on Fred Jackson Road.

Roll call vote:

Mr. Doherty, yes	Mr. Phelps, yes	Mr. Utzinger, yes
Mr. Sutton, yes	Mrs. Thornton, yes	

The motion passed unanimously.

7:50 p.m. 797 College Highway

Public Hearing

Mr. Slessler gave a history of the property (May 7 2002 Permit for Car Sales, May 2015 Permit Revised to make it half Car Sales and half Vape Sales) Mr. Hazaan Mufeed, who was present at the meeting, would like to go back to Car Sales Only using existing pavement originally for parking to place For Sale cars on. Mr. Phelps asked if there was a handicap designated parking spot, where customers would park and was there adequate lighting at night? Mr. Mufeed said he can put "In writing" and on the plan where handicap spot would be beside handicap ramp, and the 10x20 parking spaces. He also said that the lighting will come from existing light fixtures. Mr. Slessler stated that Lighting and Signage was addressed at previous hearing when address changed from Sales to Sales/Vape in 2015 and it passed. Mr. Slessler also told Mr. Mufeed to go to Select board Office to apply for Used Car Sales License. Mr. Doherty asked if there were any further questions and when there were none, designated Mrs. Thornton as a Voting Member.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Phelps and **SECONDED** by Mr. Utzinger to close the hearing.

Roll call vote:

Mr. Doherty, yes	Mr. Phelps, yes	Mr. Utzinger, yes
Mr. Sutton, yes	Mrs. Thornton, yes	

next day June 20, 2020 as well as adjust Abutters Letters. Mr. Moglin will set up meeting through Zoom Company.

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Phelps and **SECONDED** by Mr. Sutton to approve changing the date of the next meeting from June 9th to June 10th.

Roll call vote:

Mr. Doherty, yes	Mr. Phelps, yes	Mr. Utzinger, yes
Mr. Sutton, yes	Mrs. Thornton, yes	

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Phelps and **SECONDED** by Mr. Utzinger to approve May 5th, 2020 Minutes with One Change.

Roll call vote:

Mr. Doherty, yes	Mr. Phelps, yes	Mr. Utzinger, yes
Mr. Sutton, yes	Mrs. Thornton, yes	

Being no further business to be brought before the Board, A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Sutton and **SECONDED** by Mr. Phelps to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Vote was unanimous.

Roll call vote:

Mr. Doherty, yes	Mr. Phelps, yes	Mr. Utzinger, yes
Mr. Sutton, yes	Mrs. Thornton, yes	

Due to future meetings being held via Zoom, the meeting minutes were approved via electronic signature on 6/10/20

Respectfully submitted,
Meghan Lightcap

The Next Meeting is June 10, 2020