

Town of Southwick Planning Board MINUTES



July 11, 2017

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Michael Doherty, Chair Marcus Phelps, Vice Chair David Sutton Richard Utzinger Michelle Ackerman Alan Slessler, Town Planner

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Planning Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mr. Doherty. He stated that the meeting was being recorded and asked if anyone in the audience was recording the meeting.

PLANNER'S REPORT: 7:00 P.M.

- 1. Reviewed preliminary plans and attended an informal meeting for 663 College Highway for O'Reilly Auto parts store in the Business Restricted (BR) zone.
- 2. Attended the first meeting of the Marijuana Sub Committee. Marcus Phelps was voted the Chair Person.
- 3. Reviewed plans for 32 Sam West Road. Conservation must first review changes to the drainage before the Planning Board can further consider the application.
- 4. Completed decisions for EverSource at 68 Feeding Hills Road, lots 22 and 24. Also completed a Special Permit for Sunnyside Ranch Estates and a preliminary permit for 32 Sam West Road.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: 7:05 p.m.

There were no public comments.

APPOINTMENTS:

7:15 p.m. 32 Sam West Road

Continued Public Hearing

Mr. Doherty read a request from R. Lévesque Associates to continue the hearing to August 1, 2017. **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Utzinger and seconded by Mr. Phelps to continue the Public Hearing for 32 Sam West Road to August 1, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

7:20 p.m. Congamond Road

Right of Way

Mr. Randy Brown presented a plan showing the easements and takings on Congamond Road for the planned reconstruction of the road by the State Highway Department. The new road will have both a bike trail and sidewalks on one side of the road. He said that all of the neighbors had been told what will happen to their lot as part of the widening of the road. Monetary negotiations with homeowners are ongoing, but the plan will not change.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Doherty and seconded by Mr. Sutton to endorse the plan for Congamond Road. The motion passed unanimously.

ROUTINE BUSINESS:

7:35 p.m. 68 Feeding Hills Road Decision
The Board reviewed the draft decision for the EverSource application for ground mounted solar panels on 38 Feeding Hills Road. They reviewed the required eight foot fence around the project and the visual plantings of trees.
A MOTION was made by Mr. Phelps and seconded by Mr. Sutton to grant a Special Permit and Site Plan approval. A roll call vote:
Mr. Doherty, yes Mr. Phelps, yes Mr. Utzinger, yes Mr. Sutton yes Ms. Ackerman, yes The motion passed unanimously.
A MOTION was made by Mr. Phelps and seconded by Mr. Sutton to grant a Stormwater Management Permit. A roll call vote:
Mr. Doherty, yes Mr. Phelps, yes Mr. Utzinger, yes Mr. Sutton yes Ms. Ackerman, yes The motion passed unanimously.
A MOTION was made by Mr. Phelps and seconded by Mr. Sutton to grant a Wellhead Protection Permit. A roll call vote:
Mr. Doherty, yes Mr. Phelps, yes Mr. Utzinger, yes Mr. Sutton yes Ms. Ackerman, yes The motion passed unanimously.
7:40 p.m.Sunny Side RanchDecisionThe Board reviewed the draft decision for the Sunny Side Ranch application to modify the Special Permit.
A MOTION was made by Mr. Phelps and seconded by Mr. Sutton to grant a Modification to a Special Flexible Residential Permit. The motion passed unanimously.
7:43 p.m.Associate Board MemberDiscussionMr. Doherty said that Mrs. Patterson, the Planning Board Associate, has chosen not to continue in the position, with her term ending June 30. He said that advertisement for all Associate Board Member positions has been undertaken by the SelectBoard. He said that once applicants have submitted résumés, the Board will meet with the SelectBoard to make a selection for the position.
7:45 p.m. Minutes A MOTION was made by Mr. Utzinger and seconded by Ms. Ackerman to accept the minutes of June 20.2017. The second se
20, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.Being no further business to be brought before the Board, A MOTION was made by Mr. Sutton, SECONDED by Mr. Utzinger to adjourn at 7:46 p.m. Vote was unanimous.
Michael Doherty Marcus Phelps Chair Vice Chair

Richard Utzinger_____

David Sutton _____

Michelle Ackerman_____

Respectfully submitted, Ruth Preston Planning Board Administrative Assistant