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Town of Westminister

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MINUTES OF MEETING January 27, 2022

The meeting was held in room 205 in Westminister Town Hall and also available to join remotely via ZOOM at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7370885635> Meeting ID: 737 088 5635 or One tap mobile +19292056099,7370885635# US

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To: Selectmen
Board of Health
Building Commissioner
Town Clerk

Present in Person: Chairman Dan Bartkus, Vice Chair Gary Smith, Members: Tim Sheehan, Agent Matt Marro, and Secretary Susan Kalagher

Present via Zoom: Robert Gendron, Carrie Monty

Absent: none

Guests Joining in Person: Chris Mossman, Ron Bujold

Guests Joining via Zoom: Frank Calandra, Nick Aveni, Christy Nault, John Plifka, James Begley, Mary Ellen Cass, Michael Ferris, Jill Normandin

Documents, Plans and other Exhibits

1. Plan – 341 S. Ashburnham Road
2. Plan – 84 Knower Road
3. Plan – 111 Shady Avenue
4. Plan – 1 Waterman Lane
5. Plan – 7 Waterman Lane
6. Plan – 1 Ellis Road
7. Plan – Route 2 resurfacing and clearing
8. Open Meeting Law Complaint filed by Jill Normandin
9. Plan – Leino Park Bridge.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Dan Bartkus. Rob Gendron was recording the meeting.

MINUTES and Mail:

The mail was read and the Minutes from December 9, 2022 were not approved. Rob Gendron and Carrie Monty requested changes. Their request was not clear and Matt Marro will review the audio recording of the Minutes.

CONTINUED TO FEBRUARY 17, 2022

It was unanimously voted to continue the following 3 hearings to the next meeting with a motion by Gary Smith and second by Tim Sheehan.

The following hearings were continued to February 17, 2022

1. NOI / 341 South Ashburnham Road / Redkey – was not advertised
2. NOI / 1 Waterman Lane – Mallard Realty Trust – at the request of the engineer
3. NOI / 7 Waterman Lane – Mallard Realty Trust – at the request of the engineer

CERTIFICATES OF COMPLIANCE

The following Certificates of Compliance were approved upon motion by Tim Sheehan and second by Carrie Monty and signed based on the recommendation of Matt Marro.

1. 90 Bean Porridge / #336-0153 - Dan Bartkus & Gary Smith recused
2. 90 Bean Porridge / #336-0213 – Dan Bartkus & Gary Smith recused
3. 39 South Shore / #336-0737

The following Certificates of Compliance were not approved pending review:

1. 180 State Road East /#336-0921
2. 180 State Road East / #336-0877

**NOI
1 Ellis Road
Nault**

7:46 pm. The public hearing requested by Joseph and Christy Nault for the installation of a driveway to serve a new single family house at 1 Ellis Road was opened. Chris Mossman submitted proof of abutter notification, shared the plan on the computer, and gave an overview of the project. The driveway would serve a hammer head lot and two wetland areas were discussed. Mitigation measures were shown on the plan and swales and a culvert were noted. The house will be outside the buffer zone and it will be served by Town water and sewer. After review and no further questions, a motion and second were made by Tim Sheehan and Gary Smith to continue as DEP has not issued a number. 7:57 pm.

**RFD
Route 2 Resurfacing and Vegetation Clearing
MASS DOT**

7:57 pm The public meeting requested by MASS DOT for resurfacing and clearing Route 2 was opened. Susan McArthur gave the overview of the project including milling and resurfacing, cleaning drainage structures, replacing substandard guardrail, and the removal of vegetation from

the line of site for vehicular safety. The plan has been approved for the Gardner portion of Route 2. Work is expected to begin toward the end of summer. After review it was unanimously voted to approve with a motion by Gary Smith and second by Tim Sheehan. The public meeting was closed at 8:07 pm.

VOUCHERS

The following vouchers were approved with all in favor:

1. Valcourt Forest Management \$2,500.
2. MACC Annual Dues \$ 293.

FIELD CHANGE REQUESTS

LEINO PARK BRIDGE: The plan was shared on the screen for all to see and John Plifke discussed the removal of 3 additional trees. Low growing vegetation will be planted to absorb run-off. Gary Smith made a motion to accept the field change followed by a second by Tim Sheehan. Robert Gendron recused but reserved his right to comment. The motion passed.

41 B MOUNTAIN ROAD: The applicants requested the relocation of a utility pole on an approved Order of Conditions. After brief discussion, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the change.

OPEN MEETING LAW COMPLAINT RESPONSE

Gary Smith read the response from Town Counsel to the Complaint of Jill Normandin received January 10, 2022

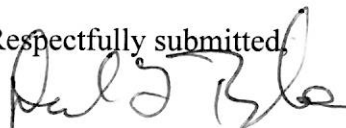
8:22 pm. A motion was made to adjourn.

Carrie Monty requested a copy of the Open Meeting Law Violation.

Robert Gendron asked about the status of the 20+ trees removed by Mr. Rogers. Matt informed the Commission that it was 5 trees and Mr. Rogers will replant in the spring.

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Dan Bartkus

Chairman

(prepared by Susan Kalagher)