



Rockport, Massachusetts Planning Board

Minutes of Meeting, Thursday, January 28, 2016 Rockport Town Hall Annex, 7:30 p.m.

Present: General Meeting and Hearing, Town Hall Annex 7:30 p.m. Meeting comes to order with Herman S. Lilja, Chairman; Edward S. Hand, Jr. Vice Chairman; Henry T. Betts; Terence Duffy present. Cameron Smith absent. Kirk W Baker, Town Planner, present. Minutes are recorded by Mary Bourguignon, Secretary.

1. 7:30 p.m. General Meeting and Discussion

2. 7:35 p.m. ANR – Hearing- Apero, Armand, 113A Granite St., Map 17, Lot 2. Mr. Apero proposes to create a new parcel of 113' frontage and 13,402 square feet. Parcel with existing dwelling and garage to retain 79' of frontage and 18,001 square feet. After a short discussion the Board members saw no reason that this ANR should not be approved. Mr. Duffy made a motion to approve this ANR. Mr. Betts seconded the motion. All in favor.

3. Hearing continued – ANR – Fabian, Richard & Sarah, 44 Marmion Way, Map 136, Lot 26. Members read over the draft decision step by step with members making suggested changes as they went along. Next, Mr. Lilja indicated that there are waivers that the Board has to vote on. Mr. Duffy made a motion to waive a topographical plan and drainage calculation. Mr. Betts seconded the motion. All in favor. Mr. Duffy said he would make a motion to accept the application as revised for the corrections that were made and the insertion of the notes and elimination of a few sentences at one point that Mr. Lilja has made. Mr. Betts seconded the motion. Three members in favor. Mr. Hand not in favor.

4. Planner's Update - Informal Discussion. – Mr. Baker had no new updates.

5. Update on activities related to town-wide Master Plan – Cameron Smith. Mr. Smith absent - topic to be discussed at next meeting.

6. Green Communities Presentation. Mr. Hand gave a slide presentation explaining as he went along the Criteria; Criterion 1 – Specify zoning for alternative energy. Mr. Hand showed a slide of the proposed site of the future solar generation field and stating what needs to be done is a new by-law creating an overlay to zoning map to create the as-of-right-designation for the transfer station. Criterion 2 – Streamline permitting for alternative energy development. Criterion 3- Reduce municipal energy consumption by 20%. To accomplish this the Town will contract an Energy Consultation Firm, and the Green Community Task Force will initiate the process, identifying, and recommending options to the Board of Selectmen, School Department and DPW. Also, work closely with the State and National Grid to meet the requirements of energy reduction. The Green Community Task Force has to have a plan to submit by next October as part of their application. They then will try to meet the plan. Criterion 4 - Purchase only energy efficient vehicles. Criterion 5 – Reduce Life-cycle energy costs for new construction. How Rockport benefits, (4 ways): 1. \$145,000 – Initial Green Communities Grants to be spent on energy saving projects. 2. \$125,977 – Average amount North Shore Green Communities have received in competitive grants (Hamilton and Wenham have each won \$225,000.00). 3. \$400,000 savings – annually, or \$2,000,000 over 5 years, by cutting energy expenditures 20%. Also, have an environmental stewardship by cutting our emissions. Mr. Hand said again what needs to be done is a new By-law creating an overlay to the zoning map to create the as-of-right designation for the transfer station, among other things.

7. Land Use Planning – Special Permits & Variances – Herm Lilja. Discussion postponed until next meeting.

8. Affordable Housing – Herm Lilja. Mr. Lilja met with Town Administrator, Linda Sanders, on the topic and have received a list of property owners who could be approached with regard to affordable housing.
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9. By-law Changes – Herm Lilja. Mr. Lilja said there are five By-law changes on his list and that the Board tabled one of them. He does have another one; it is a change in the SPR. It pertains to having the Building Inspector sign off on the Certificate of Compliance in the SPR process instead of the Planning Board. So, he is asking the Board to support this tonight or asking the Board if they want to think about it until the next meeting? After discussing this topic further the Board decided to think about it until the next meeting.

10. Continuing Business, Liaison Reports, and Other Updates

- **Liaison Reports.** No reports submitted.
- **Updates from Planner or Members.** No updates submitted.

11. Planning Board Administration

- **Approval of Bills.** Invoice for Kirk Baker presented for payment. Mr. Hand made a motion to approve this invoice. Mr. Duffy seconded the motion. All in favor.
- **Approval of Minutes.** No minutes submitted for approval.

12. Adjournment. 10:00 p.m. Mr. Duffy made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Betts seconded the motion. All in favor.

Herman S. Lilja, Chairman

Date