



# Rockport, Massachusetts Planning Board

## Minutes of Meeting & Hearing, Thursday, March 17, 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; Terence Duffy; Cameron Smith; and Henry T. Betts present. Kirk W Baker, Town Planner, present. Minutes are recorded by Mary Bourguignon, Secretary.

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

**2. Planner's Update - Informal Discussion.** Mr. Baker said he had a discussion with a potential developer who is looking into re-booting the sub-division approval for Woodland Acres.

**3. Green Communities Update – Ed Hand.** Mr. Hand said that they have basically two warrants; one for Town Meeting and one for the special Town Meeting.

**4. Activities related to town-wide Master Plan – Cameron Smith.** Mr. Smith provided an interim report on how it is going with the Survey Monkey Report. We are about half way where he would like to be; we got 204 responses. It is working out well and also 98% of the people responding were Rockport people. Of the five questions that were taken from past Master Plans, the one that got the highest characterization as of high positive value was more medium and low price affordable housing. 43% of the people who gave their opinion said that. The one that got the lowest rating of high value was the encouragement of tax increase income by attracting newly retired people to build a large home. That only got 9% support. Mr. Cameron said he is certainly open to peoples' suggestions as he would like to get another couple hundred people.

**5. ZBA Meeting of March 9, 2016 – Herm Lilja.** Mr. Lilja attended the ZBA meeting to hear the discussion on the Fabian property at 44 Marmion Way. The meeting included a discussion of the structure of SPR as well as the specific content in SPR on the Fabian property. Meeting discussion also included reference to a letter drafted by ZBA to be sent to Planning Board with commentary on the SPR. As a result of this ZBA meeting the Planning Board discussion included reference to future efforts to improve the working relationship between the ZBA and the Planning Board.

**6. Finance Committee Meeting of March 9, 2016 – Herm Lilja.** Mr. Lilja said he was invited to a Finance Committee meeting by the Chairman regarding to proposals he had regarding the budget.

### **7. Continuing Business, Liaison Reports, and Other Updates**

- **Liaison Reports.** No report given.
- **Updates from Planner or Members.** No update presented.

### **8. Planning Board Administration**

- **Approval of Bills.** No bill presented for payment.
- **Approval of Minutes.** No minutes presented for approval.

**9. Adjournment, 9:43 p.m.** Mr. Betts made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. All in favor.

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Herman S. Lilja, Chairman

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