



Rockport, Massachusetts Planning Board

Minutes of Meeting & Hearing, Thursday, April 07, 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. 7:35 p.m. – ANR – 0 Penzance Rd., (Fiona Strachan), Map 32, Lots 63 & 64. Deborah A. Eliason, Esq., Lawyer for Fiona S. Strachan, Personal Representative of this property, stated that the applicant proposed removing the lot line separating Map 32, Lot 63 and Lot 64 in order to combine the two lots into one. After the Board members had a short discussion, Mr. Duffy made a motion to approve this ANR. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. All in favor.

3. Planner's Update - Informal Discussion. Nothing new to discuss at this time.

4. Green Communities Update – Ed Hand. Mr. Hand said that at Town meeting they had ACHIEVED the first half of the two requirements that require a Town meeting approval; that was the overlay procedure SPR and the zoning bylaw that allows the ground large scale solar arrays. The second half is coming up on April 30, 2016. That is the stretch code which is the optional building code which is optional in Massachusetts.

5. Activities related to town-wide Master Plan – Cameron Smith. Mr. Smith gave his slide show showing the on line survey as of April 7, 2016 in which he had 250 responses plus 4 write-ins. 96% of the people that answered the survey stated that they lived year round in Rockport. He showed the results of the questions “Ranked Themes from Past Plans”, “Write-ins Word Frequency” and “Word Frequency Complete”. 90 people answered the question- would you like an invitation to upcoming discussions or questionnaires? 160 people skipped answering this question. Mr. Smith then went over the next processes, which included: What’s the “Standard Master Plan Process? What’s the Problem with “Standard” process?, An Alternative Process?, and the Next steps to formalizing this Master Plan. The next step is to go to MAPC and have them help us out. Now we have to decide what are we going to do; we have to convince the Selectmen and maybe some other people to do this.

6. ZBA Meeting of March 30, 2016 – Herm Lilja&

7. Visit to Planning Board Office by Chairman Battistelli, ZBA, - Herm Lilja & Kirk Baker

Discussion of agenda items 6 & 7 were combined. After a long discussion of procedures in place related to the conduct of ZBA meetings and Planning Board meetings the Planning Board decided to wait to 2 months before deciding what steps might be taken to improve the communication between the ZA and Planning Board with regard to SPR.

8. Approval of ByLaw Articles by AG Office – Herm Lilja. Mr. Lilja is not going to take any action on his draft letter at this time; he is going to wait the 90 day waiting period before sending anything to the GDT.

9. Finance Committee Meeting of March 9, 2016 – Herm Lilja. Mr. Lilja said he had nothing new to say on this topic that he has not already said.

10. Continuing Business, Liaison Reports, and Other Updates

- **Liaison Reports.** No reports given.

- **Updates from Planner or Members.** Mr. Hand said that at the last CPC last hearing they had one was from the Long Beach tennis courts. They have raised \$12,000.00 and looking for \$50,000.00. Looking for additional money from the Town, from the CPC.

11. Planning Board Administration

- **Approval of Bills.** Invoice for Kirk Baker presented for payment. Mr. Betts made a motion to approve this invoice. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. All in favor.
- **Approval of Minutes.** Minutes for February 18, 2016 and March 3, 2016 submitted for approval. Mr. Smith made a motion to approve both minutes. Mr. Duffy seconded the motion to approve both minutes. All in favor.

12. Adjournment. 9:40 p.m. Mr. Betts made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. All in favor.

Herman S. Lilja, Chairman

Date