



Rockport, Massachusetts Planning Board

Minutes of Meeting, Thursday, June 2, 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; Cameron Smith; Terence Duffy 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 that he, Mr. Hand and Mr. Lilja met with Andrew DeFranza, Executive Director of Harborlight Community Partners. Harborlight Community Partners is interested in purchasing the property at 5 Granite St. Mr. DeFranza said he would like to come to the PB meeting that is being held on July 21, 2016 and give a formal presentation pertaining to this property. Mr. Baker then stated that there are a few upcoming projects: Tyler Munroe, 12 Clark Ave., who is coming in with an ANR and John Meunier, 51 Marmion Way, who will also be coming in with an ANR.

3. Green Communities Update – Ed Hand Mr. Hand said the Green Committee has a meeting scheduled for Monday when they will be discussing the plan for the 20% reduction of energy usage for the next five years.

4. Activities related to town-wide Master Plan – Cameron Smith. Mr. Smith said the formal proposal to MAPC went out last week, and we are to hear from them concerning the professional help on the process that has been discussed previously. Since one of the parts of this process does include liaison with other Town Boards, he sent an informal email to Bill Wagner, Capital Improvement Planning Board, letting him know that this was on going and inviting him to have us on his agenda or have them on our agenda within the next month. Any discussion would be at a public level.

5. Zoning By-Law Updates -2 Family Subdivision. Mr. Lilja gave each Board member a copy of the summary sheet that he has conducted. (Comparison of Zoning By-Laws from 2007-2014 Relating to Conversion of a Single Family Dwelling in the Residential District into 2-Family Dwelling if Lot is less than the Square Feet of Land Area required in the Schedule of Area and Dimensions (Part IV.B) The summary shows from the handbook of 2007, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014, the Paragraph and Tabular Presentations as well as the pages from the bylaws for 2007-2014. The Board members were requested to look through this table and see how information provided changed and then look through the last of the first three pages for the proposed change for 2016. Please be ready to discuss this at the next meeting, if possible.

6. Issues for Fall Town Meeting. Mr. Lilja said that Mr. Betts would like to look at light transfer as a topic for the Fall Town Meeting. Mr. Duffy said he would like to be on the agenda for the meeting of June 16, 2016, to give a short presentation on what he has found so far on drones.

7. Election of Officers.

Mr. Lilja was elected Chairman and Mr. Hand was elected Vice-Chairman. Voting proceeded as follows: Mr. Lilja opened the floor for nominations for Chairman. Mr. Hand made a motion to nominate Herman S. Lilja as Chairman. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. All in favor. Mr. Smith made a motion to close the floor for nominations for Chairman. Mr. Duffy seconded the motion. All in favor. Mr. Lilja opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman. Mr. Smith made a motion to nominate Edward S. Hand, Jr. Mr. Duffy seconded the motion. All in favor. Mr. Lilja made a motion that the nominations for Vice-Chairman be closed. All in favor. Mr. Lilja made a motion that all the nominations be closed. All in favor.

8. Continuing Business, Liaison Reports, and Other Updates

- **Liaison Reports.** Mr. Smith said that on the coastal land issues, there is a case of very good material from Gloucester. Mr. Hand noted that the efforts were those of Save Our Shores.
- **Updates from Members.** No updates given.

9. Planning Board Administration

- **Approval of Bills.** An invoice for Kirk Baker was presented for payment. Mr. Smith made a motion to pay this invoice. Mr. Duffy seconded the motion. All in favor.
- **Approval of Minutes.** Minutes for May 5, 2016 and May 19, 2016 were presented for approval. Mr. Hand made a motion to approve the minutes for both dates. Mr. Duffy seconded the motion. All in favor.

10. Adjournment. 8:50 p.m. Mr. Smith made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Duffy seconded the motion. All in favor.

Herman S. Lilja, Chairman

Date