

MINUTES

PLANNING BOARD

MAY 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

*115 Pleasant Street, Gardner, MA
Room 203, Robert L. Hubbard Conference Room*

Members present: Robert J. Bettez, Sr. /*Vice-Chairman*, Robert Swartz, and Laura Casker/*Members*, and Trevor Beauregard/*Director-City Planner*.

Members absent: *Allen L. Gross/Chairman, and Mark Schafron.*

Also present: Chris Coughlin-City Engineer, Christine Fucile-DCDP, and Members of the Public (*see signed attendance sheet on file*).

ANNOUNCEMENT - Any person may make a video or audio recording of an open session of a meeting, or may transmit the meeting through any medium, subject to reasonable requirements of the Chair as to the number, placement and operation of equipment used so as not to interfere with the conduct of the meeting. Any person intending to make such recording shall notify the Chair forthwith. All Documents referenced or used during the meeting must be submitted in duplicate to the Director of Community Development & Planning pursuant to the Open Meeting and Public Records Law. All documents shall become part of the official record of the meeting.

Mr. Bettez called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. MINUTES:

Vote to approve Minutes:

✓ *Regular Meeting of April 10, 2018.*

Motion to accept and approve Planning Board Regular minutes as presented.

L. Casker/R. Swartz.

Vote-All in favor

2. OLD BUSINESS:

2.1 Zoning Re-Codification

T. Beauregard indicated at the last Planning Board meeting no action was taken, so he recommends the Board make a motion to refer to the City Council. .

Motion to refer to the City Council to recommend approval of the Zoning Recodification amendment as presented at the joint Public Hearing.

R. Swartz/L. Casker.

Vote – All in favor.

2.2 Zero Point Development, Inc. ~ Solar Petition:

T. Beauregard stated a special City Council meeting with the City Council as a whole will be held on May 21, 2018 at 6 p.m. to discuss the Zero Point development Solar Overlay Petition, and Zoning Code rewrite.

2.3 Cedar Hills Solar Project ~ Solar Petition:

T. Beauregard noted this was referred back to the City Council at the last meeting and requested a Joint Public Hearing. Therefore, a Joint Public Hearing will be held on June 4, 2018 at 6 p.m.

L. Casker expressed her disappointment with the maps provided, and further stated the maps should be much larger showing the wetlands, legends, etc., together with more information on this project. Mr. Swartz agreed. T. Beauregard said he requested a site plan that shows all five projects on one sheet, and has not heard back yet. T. Beauregard indicated currently, this is a very conceptual plan since the zoning is not in place right now to proceed with this project.

3. NEW BUSINESS:

3.1 Scenic Roads Ordinance:

T. Beauregard noted he met with the Public Welfare Committee last week, and is not sure of the status at this time.

Mr. Swartz said there are a lot of questions, and does not appear favorable at present. Also, both the Public Service and Public Welfare have asked for more time.

T. Beauregard mentioned nothing formal has been received yet from the City Council.

4. Announcements, News Articles, Events:

... Next regular Planning Board meeting scheduled for June 12, 2018 at 7 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

L. Casker/R. Swartz.

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Vote -All in favor.

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