

Town Hall Hudson, Massachusetts 01749

#### Minutes of Meeting – August 4, 2020

The <u>Hudson Planning Board</u> met virtually on a Zoom platform pursuant to the Remote Participation statute consistent with Governor Baker's Executive Order of March 12, 2020, due to the current State of Emergency in the Commonwealth due to the outbreak of the "COVID-19 Virus."

At 7:02 PM, Mr. D'Amelio called the meeting to order.

<u>Present</u>: Bob D'Amelio, David Daigneault; Rodney Frias; and Dirk Underwood

Staff: Jack Hunter, Planning and Community Development; Kristina Johnson

Acting Director of Planning and Community Development

Mr. D'Amelio stated the following: Good evening. This Open Meeting of Hudson Planning Board is being conducted remotely, consistent with Governor Baker's Executive Order of March 12, 2020, due to the current State of Emergency in the Commonwealth due to the outbreak of the "COVID-19 Virus."

#### Native Sun – Site Plan Review

Mr. D'Amelio explained that Condition # 9 of the previously approved Site Plan Approval of February 19, 2019 for Native Sun required the applicant to meet with the Police Chief and then the Planning Board prior to obtaining a Certificate of Occupancy. Correspondence from the Police Chief states that he is satisfied with the parking arrangement as is.

Chief DiPersio restated his position that for the time being he is fine with the amount of parking provided and unless circumstances change he sees no reason to demand more accommodations.

Mr. Drayer, Native Sun explained to the Board that after they receive their Occupancy Permit they still need to get two additional approvals, which typically take 2 to 3 months, from the State before they open.

Mr. Daigneault stated he thinks the building looks good and is optimistic they will do well.

Mr. D'Amelio moved that Native Sun has satisfied Condition # 9 of the February 19, 2019 Planning Board approval, Frias seconded. On a roll call vote 4-0 in favor.

#### Manzo Way - Definitive Subdivision - Partial release of lots

Mr. D'Amelio explained that they are asking for 2 of the 4 lots to be released and Mr. Hunter has confirmed that both DPW and Mike Scott find this acceptable.



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Mr. Frias moved release Lots # 1 and # 2 for Manzo Way Definitive Subdivision, Seconded by Mr. Underwood. On a roll call vote 4-0-0 in favor.

#### **Public Hearing – Scenic Road Application – Eversource Energy**

Mr. D'Amelio opened the Public Hearing and asked the applicant to present their application.

Mr. Hager, Eversource Energy informed the Board that now that they have approval from the siting board, they are getting closer to construction. In order for that to happen they will be impacting vegetation along certain roads within the Scenic Road destination.

Mr. Hager continued by showing that the only cutting of trees greater than 4 " in diameter is at Wilkins Street, all other impacts are for brush removal.

Mr. Daigneault asked for a review of each Road to be impacted.

Mr. Hager went through each roadway and its plans for tree and vegetation removal.

Mr. Hunter commented that DPW and HLPD had no comments on these plans.

Mr. D'Amelio asked if there were any comments from the public. Hearing none he asked to close the hearing.

Mr. Frias moved to close the Public Hearing for Eversource Energy's Scenic Road application, Seconded by Mr. Underwood. On a roll call vote 4-0-0 in favor.

Mr. D'Amelio moved to approve the Scenic Road application by Eversource Energy, seconded by Mr. Frias. On a roll call vote 4-0-0 in favor.

### Public Hearing - Site Plan Review - 71 Parmenter Road - Proposed warehouse

Mr. D'Amelio opened the Public Hearing.

Mr. Hunter explained that though the Board approved a Subdivision for this property several years ago, it was never recorded. The Owner now wishes to sell the property to the applicant.

Mr. D'Amelio reviewed Mike Scott's comments (which there were few).

Robert DiBenedetto, Hancock Associates reviewed the scope of the plan by going over the parking, infrastructure improvements, buffering and drainage. He noted DPW has also approved these plans and has approved their request for a waiver of depicting 500 'on each side of the proposed infrastructure improvements on Parameter Road.



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He also noted that the Board of Health has confirmed that the existing septic system does comply with state regulations and that there is enough capacity for such an expansion.

Kate Young, 79 Parmenter expressed concern over existing noise very early in the morning currently by the applicant and this will make it worse.

Mr. Di Benedetti answered by showing the distances between the parking areas and the property lines and the actual residences and that the proposed retaining wall should help buffer that noise. In addition, he would talk to his clients about conforming to the Towns existing noise by laws.

Sara Merchant, Parmenter also has concerns about noise and their early starts.

Mr. D'Amelio asked about moving the staging away from the neighbors.

Mr. Underwood asked about snow storage.

It was shown on the plans.

Ms. Merchant asked about the existing entranceway and whether the card reader could be removed and that parking could be eliminated on the roadway.

Mr. Di Benedetto answered they will removed the card reader and make the road no parking.

Ms. Young asked for more details on the retaining wall.

Chief Johannes wanted to know where the proposed looped water system was.

Chief DiPersio noted his concern about noise and that the Town does have a "Quiet Time" by law.

Mr. Frias asked about lighting.

Ms. Young wanted to know of any impacts to the water table.

It was shown that it is a closed system all verified to be more than 4 feet from the water table.

Mr. Underwood thought there should be an O and M plan.

Mr. Frias moved to continue the Public Hearing for 71 Parmenter Street to August 18, 2020, seconded by Mr. D'Amelio. On a roll call vote 4-0-0.



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Minutes – July 21, 2020

The minutes were tabled.

## Adjournment

Mr. Underwood moved, seconded by Mr. Daigneault to adjourn at 8:31 PM. On a Roll Call Vote: 4-0-0. Unanimous

Cc: Town Clerk