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Minutes of Meeting – September 5, 2023

Chair Robert D’Amelio, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Board Members Participating:

Robert D’Amelio, Chair
Rodney Frias, Vice Chair
David Daigneault
Darryl Filippi
Joseph Mitchell

Staff Members Participating:

Kristina Johnson, AICP, Director of Planning
Katie Evangelisti, Administrative Manager

Finalization of Site Plan Review Decision – 55 Cottage Street –

Chair D’Amelio, reviewed the proposed decision, requesting that condition number two (2) be edited to include the language of “forty-eight (48) hours’ notice” for the Board’s third-party engineer to inspect the stormwater installation. Ms. Johnson advised the Board that 48 hours was the current standard, but confirmed it would be added. Member Filippi questioned the setbacks and inquired as to the Board’s acceptance of the plan. Ms. Johnson confirmed with the Board that the variance required for dimensions and the special permit for the non-conformity would fall under the jurisdiction of the Zoning Board of Appeals, not the Planning Board. Vice Chair Frias, seconded by Chair D’Amelio, motioned to accept the decision with the minor modification to condition number two. 4-0-1 Decision Accepted.

Approval of 8/1/2023 Minutes

Member Daigneault raised an issue he had with a particular sentence from the minutes, which stated that “The applicant and Attorney Yates advised the Board of the number of trees that will be removed, the number of trees that will be planted (per the plans), and an agreement that the triangular area will not be disrupted.” The Board, Attorney Yates, and Mr. Eric Chaves (applicant) discussed the area of trees to be removed, the agreement with Mr. Reynolds to not remove certain trees, and agreed that this line should be removed from the minutes for approval. Chair D’Amelio requested that the word “sewer” at the bottom of the second page be corrected to “stormwater” or “drainage”. Ms. Evangelisti confirmed that both of the requested revisions would be made.

Chair D’Amelio inquired as to a memorandum sent by Ms. Johnson regarding a change in the peer review process. Ms. Johnson noted that this matter is not on the agenda; however, Chair D’Amelio wanted to discuss the matter. He, Mr. Filippi, and Vice Chair Frai discussed the



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DPW not being engineers, so they would not be able to review plans in the same light as the current peer reviewer Michael Scott. Chair D'Amelio requested Executive Assistant, Tom Gregory, and the Director of Public Works, Eric Ryder, to come to the Planning Board meeting and explain to them that this is a new process and agreed upon directive. Ms. Johnson explained to the Board that this process is common practice and that both Director Ryder and Mr. Gregory agreed to proceed with this new process in place. The Board questioned the new process as requested and Ms. Johnson advised the Board she would discuss with Mr. Gregory and Mr. Ryder and connect with the Board again.

Mr. Daigneault reiterated the concerns he has with minutes not reflecting what is going to take place with the trees at 55 Cottage Street. After further discussion regarding tree location, removal, and planting, it was agreed that during construction no tree shall be removed beyond 15 feet from the current lot line without coming back before the Board.

Mr. Daigneault requested that Ms. Johnson follow up with Mr. Randall, 7 South Street Extension (from the August 1, 2023 meeting) as he agreed that the construction fence would be removed within 30 days and it had not yet been removed. Ms. Johnson agreed to contact Mr. Randall.

Motion made by Vice Chair Frias, seconded by Chair D'Amelio, to approve the meeting minutes of August 1, 2023, with the two revisions. 4-0-1. Unanimous.

Adjournment

Chair D'Amelio, motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. 5-0-0. Unanimous.

Cc: Town Clerk