

Town of Sharon Planning Board

Minutes of 11/12/20

Sharon Community Center

Planning Board Members

Shannon McLaughlin, Chair	Pasqualino Pannone
Kai Yu, Vice Chair absent	Peter O'Cain, Town Engineer
Rob Maidman	
David Blaszkowsky	

Other Attendees:

Scott Bruso, Weston and Sampson

Meeting Initiation

Chair McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

Meeting Minutes

Mr. Blaszkowsky moved to accept the minutes of 10/8/20 and Mr. Maidman seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0-1 (McLaughlin) in favor of approval.

Maskwonicut Bridge Project

Chair McLaughlin stated that the public hearing for Maskwonicut Bridge was listed incorrectly. We will hear from Scott Bruso about the landscape plans.

Mr. Bruso provided updates as follows:

1. New utility poles have been installed at 21 Maskwonicut Street to anchor another line for utility easement.
2. At 27 and 31 Maskwonicut we are going to retain all trees as per the first hearing as well as the stone wall.
3. At 31 Maskwonicut the stone wall will be removed and reset rather than removed.
4. At 30 Maskwonicut the utility pole is being moved back and the 6 inch tree needs to be removed.
5. At 34 Maskwonicut the small tree will be impacted removed. This was not listed before. Also where one tree was indicated to be removed it will need to be 2 trees.
6. The tree between 34 and 66 Maskwonicut is an 18 inch tree in bad condition that needs to be removed.

7. At 57 Maskwonicut the stone wall will be removed and reset. The 40 inch ash tree is to be removed.

The landscape plan shows major tree plantings for site. 12 – 13 trees will be sporadically placed in the area. They will be working with the tree warden for final placement.

Mr. Maidman asked when construction begins will there be 2 cranes and where will they be sited. It will be on the bridge which will have steel girders and precast decking.

Mr. Maidman asked Mr. O'Cain if there is any word from the police about mitigation. Mr. O'Cain said that there will be hearings regarding traffic measures with the neighbors.

Mr. O'Cain commented that there are a lot of topographic issues on this narrow road. The State of Massachusetts only approves speed cameras in one location in the State. This has worked well in Providence. Mr. Blaszkowsky said these lead to controversy. Mr. O'Cain said he does not think these can be installed. The road is too narrow except at the bridge. He wants to hear from neighbors first.

Mr. Pannone said there should be some compromise to be engineered in.

Mr. Blaszkowsky said he checked on the internet and there are no speed cameras in Massachusetts.

Mr. O'Cain said he will check with MassDOT regarding speed cameras.

Mr. Bruso said the bridge completion is slated for 2024. When the public hearing was held the construction documents were at 75%.

Chair McLaughlin said she was grateful for the update to the Board.

Mr. Pannone said that he appreciates the presentation and that it was graphically clear.

Other

Mr. O'Cain let the Board know that town emails would be set up for each member so as to keep town business separate from personal email. The Board was very pleased with this and commented it was a great improvement for organizational needs.

Mr. O'Cain said that the regarding the Gallery Project, the apartments got the c/o and people are moving in. He will check with MassDot regarding the signalization issue.

Mr. O'Cain said that there is a 40B only filing on North Main Street and it's in schematic phase only.

Mr. O'Cain said there might be an ANR at 126 Morse Street with 2 lots being created.

Future Agenda Topics

Review of Post Office Square Design Guidelines

Role of Planning Board in site plan review

Discussion on the need for a Town Planner

Zoning Bylaw 4391

Future Scheduled Meetings

TBD

Adjournment

Mr. Blaszkowsky moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Maidman seconded the motion. The Board voted 4-0-0 to adjourn at 7:35 PM.