

Town of Sharon Planning Board

Minutes of 5/6/21

Meeting held via ZOOM

Planning Board Members

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

Other Attendees:

Elizabeth Ellis, Maria De La Fuente

Meeting Initiation

Chair McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

Meeting Minutes

Mr. Maidman moved to accept the minutes of 4/1/21 and Mr. Pannone seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0-0 in favor of approval.

Master Plan

Mr. O'Cain introduced Maria De La Fuente as the newest member of the DPW. She said she will be working to help implement the Master Plan, review existing bylaws, help engineering as needed etc.

Mr. Maidman said that with both Maria and Elizabeth we have the resources to propel the Master Plan forward. Both will work together in this process. They will keep close watch on recent changes in housing that removes 40B protections. Mr. O'Cain said he has a 40 B spreadsheet that he will send to the Board

Ms. Ellis said she is reaching out to businesses to understand the economic vitality, and has begun work on the Master Plan.

Mr. Pannone said that an implementation committee for the Master Plan has been formed. Ms. Ellis will head it up. Both Mr. Pannone and Mr. Maidman are members of the committee.

Sign 10 Post Office Square, Salon Tel Aviv

The salon is proposing a 12.81 square foot sign and according to bylaws chapter 221.16A2 they can have up to 30 square feet. There are currently stickers in each of 4 windows with the company's logo. As per Mr. O'Cain the request is in compliance. He awaits their choice of paints

from the historical list as he was concerned with their choice of colors and has communicated that to the owner. The sign will be a PVC material.

Both Mr. Blaszkowsky and Mr. Maidman agree that the requested colors do not fit the historical palette.

Mr. Maidman moved to appoint Mr. O'Cain as agent of the Board in the matter of the Salon Tel Aviv sign. He can make the decision of approval subject to compliance of colors with the historic palette. Mr. Blaszkowsky seconded the motion and the Board voted 4-0-0 in favor of approval.

Other

Mr. Maidman commented that the amendment to change the Select Board membership from 3 to 5 was defeated at Town Meeting. There will be no change for the foreseeable future.

Mr. Pannone stated that on a future agenda we should discuss the role of the Planning Board versus ZBA. We need a dialogue of what we want the Planning Board to be.

Mr. O'Cain spoke with Mr. Shelmerdine who said they are still working on the gallery and looking at working with Foxboro on septic.

Mr. O'Cain commented that we have a new building inspector who is working on a list of improvements to various regulations and bylaws.

Mr. O'Cain commented that the Maskwonicut Bridge project is in 100% plan review stage. It is very slow moving through MassDot.

Future Agenda Topics

Review of Post Office Square Design Guidelines

Role of Planning Board in site plan review

Role of Planning Board versus the Zoning Board

Zoning Bylaw 4391

Future Scheduled Meetings

5/20, 6/10

Adjournment

Mr. Blaszkowsky moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Maidman seconded the motion. The Board voted 4-0-0 to adjourn at 7:50 PM.