

Town of Sharon Planning Board

Minutes of 4/14/22

Meeting held via ZOOM

Planning Board Members

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

Other Attendees:

Maria De La Fuente, Elizabeth Ellis, Brian Collins, Kevin Weber, B. DeRoche, Judy Crosby, Suzanne Levy, Ben Feinberg, Laura Henze Russell, M. Bobrowski

Meeting Initiation

David Blaszkowsky called the meeting to order at 6:49 PM. Topics to be discussed:

- *Public Hearing Maskwonicut Street Bridge, Public Hearing Zoning Recodification*

Meeting Minutes

Mr. Maidman moved to accept the minutes of 4/7/22. Ms. McLaughlin seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0-1(Pannone) in favor of approval.

Public Hearing Maskwonicut Street Bridge

Kevin Weber, Tree Warden read the Public Hearing Notice. Mr. Maidman moved to open the Public Hearing project for the Maskwonicut Street Bridge. Mr. Pannone seconded the motion. The Board voted 3 -0-0 in favor of opening the meeting.

Mr. Weber stated there have been previous tree hearings for this project. He received a notice from the Mass Highways that additional trees at 57 Maskwonicut need to be removed. The existing stone wall will be moved back 3 feet as the road is being slightly widened. The trees in question will interfere with the new stone wall and that is why Mass Highway approached Mr. Weber. This is a Mass Highway request. He said there is a clump of ash trees and one is already dead. 2 others are smaller. Mr. Weber said he has no problem with the removal as Mass Highway will replace the trees. He said their requirements are strict. There is not a lot of leeway.

Mr. Pannone requested photos. Mr. Maidman asked how many will be replanted. Mr. Weber said he has seen the plan and several trees are scheduled to be replanted for this project.

Mr. O'Cain suggested the hearing be continued and a Mass Dot Rep attend the meeting so they can comment on the construction rules that need to be adhered to.

Mr. Pannone asked why does the wall need to be moved. Is there a turning issue? Line of sight? Why is the road being moved? He agrees that a Mass Dot representative needs to be present.

Ms. McLaughlin and Mr. Maidman agree that more information is needed.

Mr. O'Cain said he will schedule for a meeting in May.

Mr. Maidman moved to keep the Public Hearing open. Ms. McLaughlin seconded the motion. The Board voted 4-0-0 in favor of leaving the Public Hearing open.

Zoning Recodification

Chair Blaszkowsky said tonight's hearing on recodification will be on 4/28. There will not be a public hearing this evening. We will listen to questions and comments. We cannot have formal hearing as we did not meet the requirements. The new public hearing is 4/28/22. It has been noticed.

Mark Bobrowski attended the meeting. He said that the town engaged him 9 months ago for recodification of bylaws. He was tasked with bringing the bylaws up to speed with regards to change in statute and case law, correct definitions, fix internal inconsistencies. He said meetings have been productive, things are organized and expandable, there will be an official dimensional table and use table.

Chair Blaszkowsky thanked Mr. Bobrowski for his help.

Mr. Maidman said the objective was to simplify language. It was an arduous project. Visibility is not like anything before.

Mr. Pannone said this was a direct result of the Master Plan. Looking toward the future as part of the Master Plan. It's an important step to move down the road.

Mr. Blaszkowsky said the process helped to correct 20 year old bylaws. A lot of the laws changed. Our needs are different. There are the rules by which the town develops for the next 10, 15, 20, 25 years ahead.

Brian Collins, liaison of the Finance Committee commended the PB and ZBA etc. for all the hard work. This was a local initiative to sort out responsibilities and to streamline the process. He said good work to all.

Ms. Ellis said the bylaws as they stood were a big impediment to things to be accomplished in the Master Plan. The Use Table spells out what you can and cannot do.

Ms. De La Fuente reviewed all of the changes summarized in a 2-3-page document.

A brief conversation ensued.

Other items

Review of Post Office Square Design Guidelines

Zoning Bylaw 4391

There is no definitive plan for the Cape Club yet. All units in Phase 1 are built but not complete.

North Main Street property is a LIP. It will be filed as a comprehensive permit from the ZBA.

The Maskwonicut Bridge should be completed August 2024. Construction will occur around train schedules.

Future Scheduled Meetings

4/28

Adjournment

Mr. Maidman moved to adjourn the meeting and Ms. McLaughlin seconded the motion. The Board voted 4-0-0 to adjourn at 8:22 PM.