

Town of Sharon Planning Board

Minutes of 9/7/23

Meeting held via ZOOM

Planning Board Members

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

Other Attendees

Sonal Pai, Laura Nelson

Meeting Initiation

Vice Chair Shapiro called the meeting to order (via ZOOM) at 7:02 PM.

Meeting Minutes

Mr. Pannone moved to accept the meeting minutes of 8/17/23. Mr. Maidman seconded the motion. The Board voted 4-0-0 in favor of approval.

Mr. Maidman moved to accept the 7/20/23 minutes. Mr. Blaszkowsky seconded the motion. The Board voted 4-0-0 in favor of approval.

3 Lot Tree Lane ANR Plan

Mr. O'Cain explained that this ANR Plan is a town project on town land. The Select Board will vote on this as a final location. The project is to consolidate the Water Department land into one lot.

Ms. Nelson asked if the surrounding property owners were notified about the conjoining lots.

Mr. O'Cain said there are no legal requirements to notify residents of an ANR. At the meeting of the Select Board abutters can voice their opinions and the Select Board needs to vote to approve. He said the project is to protect the health of the residents and it is a community benefit.

Mr. Blaszkowsky said it's important to enable the abutter to know about something that could affect them. A processing facility is a real thing. Conversations should be had.

Mr. O'Cain commented that the ANR process is spelled out in State law.

Mr. Maidman moved to accept the ANR as presented by Peter O'Cain showing combined parcels 1010, 1011, Tree Lane and Upland Road, Sharon, MA dated July 14, 2023 and appoint Peter O'Cain as Agent of the Board. Mr. Blaszkowsky moved to accept the ANR. Mr. Pannone seconded the motion. The Board voted 4-0-0 in favor of approval.

Meeting format - ZOOM/Hybrid

Ms. Pai said Walpole has a hybrid meeting process. She said she reached out to our IT Department and Sharon TV and is awaiting a response. She was told the Community Center has a projector and in order to do a hybrid meeting a projector is required.

Vice Chair Shapiro said he thinks this issue needs to be brought to Mr. Turkington as it's a Town wide issue. There needs to be a plan implemented so townspeople can participate.

Ms. Nelson asked if people can ask questions in this format.

Mr. O'Cain said yes people can participate. He participated in a hybrid meeting in another town and was able to participate. GOOGLE Owl is used for hybrid meetings.

ANY Topics Not Known to Chair 24 hours in advance

FEMA Bylaw

Ms. Pai said is still waiting for dates from the Feds.

Mr. O'Cain said the language can be reviewed as its boiler plate.

Public Outreach MBTA Zoning

Ms. Pai reached out to MBTA Community Engagement and said the quote is \$18,000. Ms. Smeads quote was \$19,000. It makes sense to stay with Ms. Smead who knows the Town and its functioning.

For mixed use language, Ms. Smead told Ms. Pai to let's wait and see. Language change can be made as the process progresses

District Improvement Plan

Mr. O'Cain said the Town is leaning toward walking away from the District Improvement Plan. The cost is not worth the time.

Mr. Maidman said he agrees with the recommendations in the plan. He said we can look for grants.

Mr. Blaszkowsky said he supports backing away.

Mr. Shapiro said he supports walking away. Not all is useful.

Mr. Maidman said defer discussion until Carl delivers the final report. We can then reach the point when we say that is sufficient.

Mr. O'Cain said he doesn't see the plan working. He suggested Mr. Maidman speak with Mr. Turkington because on the staff side this is too much work.

Mr. Maidman said give it 2-4 weeks to be completed.

Mr. Pannone asked if there is a way to restructure the grant to be useful.

Mr. Maidman said Carl asked the business owners what they like and do not like.

Mr. Pannone said he prefers to read the report and hear from Carl in order to make a more informed decision.

Mr. Maidman said the report will still have benefit for future use.

Co-Chair Shapiro said that in order to capture what has been learned and how we can reimagine it, let's get to a milestone to have it written down. Let's see a summary and include on a future agenda.

Other

Ms. Nelson asked when the 40B document that Ms. Pai presented will be posted. Ms. Pai said she is working on it.

Next Meeting Dates

10/5, 10/19

Adjournment

Mr. Blaszkowsky moved to adjourn at 7:46 PM. Mr. Pannone seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0-0 in favor of adjourning.