



TOWN OF WARE

Planning & Community Development

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Planning Board

Meeting Minutes from

Thursday, June 17, 2021

Select Board Room, Town Hall

Planning Board Members Present:

Josh Kusnierz (Chair), Rick Starodoj, Ken Crosby,
(Did not have quorum)

Staff Present:

Rob Watchilla, Department Assistant
Stuart Beckley, Town Manager

Public in Attendance:

Ware Business & Civic Association

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman J. Kusnierz called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPOTLIGHT

- Ware Business & Civic Association: The Ware BCA is a local organization that is comprised of 60 members. All of these members include community members and business owners that are located in Ware. The Ware BCA is a way for local businesses and organizations to meet up and discuss current issues in the Ware business climate. A major aspect of the Ware BCA is that they support and engage with the Town while giving back to the community, hence the civic aspect of the BCA. The Ware BCA has raised \$47 million in the last 2 years in investment and tries to reinvest back in the community.

ADMINISTRATIVE

- Approval of Minutes from May 20th.

Motion by K. Crosby to approve the minutes from May 20th. Seconded by R. Starodoj. All in favor. Approved 3-0.

- Approval of Minutes from June 3rd.

Motion by K. Crosby to approve the minutes from June 3rd. Seconded by R. Starodoj. All in favor. Approved 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- **SP-2021-04: Bond Construction Corporation** is seeking approval for an earth removal operation under section 4.8.5 of the Zoning Bylaw. The project is owned by the Irene Kulas Life Estate. Zoned: Rural Residential (RR).

J. Kusnierz read the legal notice for SP-2021-04.

The Planning Board did not have the quorum to vote on this special permit due to the fact that only 3 out of the 5 members were present.

Motion by R. Starodoj to table the discussion of SP-2021-04 for the next meeting on July 1st. Seconded by K. Crosby. Roll call vote:

J. Kusnierz	Aye
R. Starodoj	Aye
K. Crosby	Aye

Approved 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was brought up for discussion during the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

R. Starodoj announced that the Planning Board is down an alternate member. The Planning Board is currently seeking applications for an alternate member. Those interested should reach out to the Ware Department of Planning and Community Development.

TOWN PLANNER UPDATE

- **Local Rapid Recovery Program (LRRP):** The Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) gave a presentation at the CDA meeting on June 14 discussing the results of surveys distributed to local businesses. They also discussed next steps and mentioned that the Town has to start prioritizing 10 projects that it would like to see carried out. Although it is not guaranteed that all of these projects would be funded. This was phase 1 out of 3 carried out for the LRRP.

Motion by R. Starodoj to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 pm. Seconded by K. Crosby. All in favor. Approved 3-0.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday July 1st, 2021 at 7 pm.

Minutes from June 17th, 2021

Respectfully submitted by,

Robert Watchilla,
Department Assistant

Minutes Approved on: _____

Kusnierz _____

Starodoj _____

Knight _____

Murphy _____

Crosby _____