



TOWN OF WARE

Planning & Community Development

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Planning Board

Meeting Minutes from

Thursday, July 20, 2023

Selectboard Meeting Room

126 Main Street, Ware MA 01082

Planning Board Members in Attendance:

Rick Starodoj	Chair
Ed Murphy	Vice Chair
Ken Crosby	
Chris DiMarzio	Absent
Elizabeth Hancock	

Staff Members in Attendance:

Kristen Jacobsen	PCD Dept. Admin. Assistant
Stuart Beckley	Town Manager

Members of the Public in Attendance:

Rosemary Robidoux
Lynn Sikes
James Robidoux

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman E. Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:02pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADMINISTRATIVE

- Approval of minutes from July 6th, 2023

Motion by R. Starodoj to approve the July 6th 2023 meeting minutes. **Seconded** by K. Crosby.

Discussion. None

E. Murphy		Aye
R. Starodoj		Aye
K. Crosby		Aye
E. Hancock		Aye
C. DiMarzio		Absent
Four in favor. One Absent Approved 4/0/1.		

OLD BUSINESS

Kulas Earth Removal Project- Babcock Tavern Road

K. Jacobsen discussed reaching out to Bond Construction and awaiting an answer regarding the posting of the buffer boundary markers.

E. Hancock recused herself.

E. Hancock discussed the flagging of the boundary which she said began on July 19th, 2023 and finished July 20th, 2023, noting red flags marking the boundary line. The board and E. Hancock discussed the installation of steel/wood posts and questioned if erosion controls had been placed. The board advised reaching out to confirm the erosion controls had been placed.

E. Hancock reappointed.

King George Drive- Discussion

The board discussed with L. Sikes and R. Robidoux the materials needed to progress through the road acceptance process. They would need to present the As Built and Deed before the Planning Board could make a recommendation. L. Sikes mentioned that both items were in progress. K. Jacobsen read a letter from D.P.W. Director Geoff McAlmond regarding the condition of the road and that although the surface is not new and presents oxidation he has no reservations regarding its acceptance by the town. R. Starodoj advised cleaning out the catch basins. L. Sikes and R. Robidoux discussed the possibility of including the acceptance of King George Drive at the Fall Town Meeting, it was determined it was possible pending the receipt of the required materials.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of 2022 Open Space and Recreation Plan.

S. Beckley discussed the current draft of the OSRP with the Planning Board. It is the process of being updated with current information. The state would like the last 4-5 pages (goals, action steps, and the plan). S. Beckley reviewed the importance of the plan and its purpose. The board discussed the possibility of connecting the rail trail with Grenville Park. The board discussed how items on the plan are paid and what the process for that is.

Motion by R. Starodoj to **Continue** the discussion of the Open Space and Recreation Plan to August 3, 2023 Planning Board meeting . **Seconded** by K. Crosby. **Discussion.** None

E. Murphy		Aye
R. Starodoj		Aye
K. Crosby		Aye
E. Hancock		Aye
C. DiMarzio		Absent
Four in favor. One Absent Approved 4/0/1.		

PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT UPDATE

S. Beckley discussed the interest the Bergerons have in revisiting the zoning changes proposed in 2022 of 415-417 Belchertown Road.

PVPC- plan for senior housing which might include high density development and the possibility of reusing an existing building. The board discussed the possible impact it may have on town services.

The board inquired about the hiring of the Town Planner. S. Beckley discussed the high number of openings for Town Planners across the state but it had been reposted.

The board and S. Beckley discussed the available opening of board alternate.

E. Hancock inquired about Cosello Waste Services and the reopening of the Hardwick Landfill. S. Beckley had attended the Zoom meeting (which is posted on their youtube page) and has their presentation which is available. S. Beckley and the board discussed the permitting and overall process.

ADJOURN

Motion made by R. Starodoj to **ADJOURN** at 7:33 pm. **Seconded** by E. Hancock **Discussion:** None

E. Murphy		Aye
R. Starodoj		Aye
K. Crosby		Aye
E. Hancock		Aye
C. DiMarzio		Absent
Four in favor. One Absent Approved 4/0/1.		




NEXT PLANNING BOARD MEETING DATE:

Thursday, August 3, 2023 at 7:00pm.

Minutes from Thursday, July 20, 2023.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kristen Jacobsen
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Planning & Community Development

Minutes Approved on: <u>8.3.23</u>
Starodoj 
Murphy 
Hancock _____
Crosby 
DiMarzio 