

City of Newburyport

Planning Board

May 4, 2022

Minutes

The in-person meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

1. Roll Call

Planning Board Attendance: Alden Clark, Beth DeLisle, Bob Koup, Jamie Pennington, Heather Rogers, Bonnie Sontag, Don Walters, Richard Yeager, Rick Taintor

Planning Director Andy Port and Zoning Administrator Jennifer Blanchet were also present.

2. General Business

a) Waterfront West Zoning Discussion

Topics discussed included: layout, climate resiliency, height, scale, massing. Considerations included what we have learned since the previous discussions by various stakeholders on this topic and what we want to see this time around. There is general consensus that we will craft an overlay district or recommend rezoning the relevant parcels to meet the needs and desires of the community before applications are accepted for development. This rezoning initiative will take place in coordination with the Mayor's Office and the City Council, both of which bodies will be involved in the negotiation of a Development Agreement with the developer.

b) Approval of Minutes

3/24/2022 special meeting to review the proposed Short Term Rental Units amendment in preparation for submitting recommendations to City Council.

Don Walters moved to approve the minutes; Rick Taintor seconded the motion; all members present voted in favor except Beth DeLisle who abstained.

4/6/2022 – Don Walters moved to approve the minutes; Alden Clark seconded the motion; all members present voted in favor, except Heather Rogers who abstained.

4/19/2022 – Alden Clark moved to approve the minutes; Richard Yeager seconded the motion; all members present voted in favor except Don Walters and Beth DeLisle who abstained.

c) Other updates from the Chair or Planning Director

Director Port informed members that the first public hearing on the settlement agreement application for the Institution for Savings will take place on June 1. All materials will be available on the web site and Katelyn will send the link to members.

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3. Adjournment

Alden Clark made a motion to adjourn. Rick Taintor seconded the motion, and all members present voted in favor.

Motion Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted – Bonnie Sontag