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Acushnet Planning Commission Meeting Minutes for April 28, 2022

Open:

6:30pm

Adiourn:

6:45pm

Present:

Marc Cenerizio, Chairman Bryan Deschamps, Member

Dave Davignon, Member Mark Francois, Member

Doug Pimentel, Town Planner

Absent:

Rick Ellis, Member

Issue:

A motion is made to open the meeting.

So moved: D. Davignon Second: B. Deschamps Vote was 4-0 with 1 abstention

Issue:

A motion is made to proceed to a Public Hearing for the Bradford Street Rezoning Article

So moved: B. Deschamps Second: D. Davignon Vote was 4-0 with 1 abstention

Issue:

Discussion: Doug P. summarizes the Article as follows; To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Acushnet Official zoning map be rezoning a parcel of land identified in Assessor's records as Map 15, Lots 482 and 534, from the residential A zoning district to the Residential Village zoning district; or take any other action thereto. Doug P. states that the main purpose of this is that these two parcels of land already have pre-existing water and sewer connects. Doug P. states that the Town needs new growth and this would create 10-13 buildable lots depending what the wetlands situation looks like over there. Doug P. states that the reason for the Residential Village District to be created in the first place was because all of those parcels were connected to water and sewer so it makes sense to continue. Dave D. states that he is in favor of any zoning that creates growth for the Town and we need to get more creative with growth wherever we can and he is in favor of not only this Article but in the future the Board should look at the other two parcels in that area as well.

Issue:

A motion is made to continue the Public Hearing for the Bradford Street Rezoning Article To May 5, 2022.

So moved: D. Davignon Second: M. Francois Vote was 4-0 with 1 abstention

Issue:

A motion is made to come out of Public Hearing and back into regular session

So moved: B. Deschamps Second: D. Davignon Vote was 4-0 with 1 abstention

Town resident Paul Trahan was in attendance and asked if the above topic would be prior to the Citizens Petition-Soil Bylaw at the next meeting. Doug P. informs him that the Bradford Street Rezoning and the Solar Moratorium hearings will be at 6:30pm and the Soil Bylaw hearing will be at 7:30pm at the May 5 meeting.

Issue:

A motion is made to go from regular session to Public Hearing on the Solar Moratorium.

So moved: M. Francois Second: B. Deschamps Vote was 4-0 with 1 abstention

Issue:

Discussion: Doug P. summarizes the Article as follows; To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws to add a new section for a Temporary Moratorium on the Siting of Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations, or act in relation thereto. Doug P. states that the Town now has 19 approved Solar installations and this article will give the Board 180 days to act and present the Town with a bylaw. The Board discussed installed and planned Solar Fields and Doug P. needs time to research what a moratorium would do to planned but not yet installed plans. Doug P. explains that he has researched what other surrounding Town's are doing in terms of screening and once finalized he would present that to the Planning Board for its review. Marc C. notes that currently is a list of what proponents need to and Doug states that the Board can add to that.

Issue:

A motion is made to continue the Public Hearing for the Solar Moratorium Article to May 5, 2022.

So moved: D. Davignon Second: B. Deschamps Vote was 4-0 with 1 abstention

Issue:

A motion is made to come out of Public Hearing and back into regular session

So moved: B. Deschamps Second: D. Davignon Vote was 4-0 with 1 abstention

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A motion is made to adjourn the meeting.
So moved: B. Deschamps
Second: D. Davignon
Vote was 4-0 with 1 abstention

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Sullivan Administrative Assistant

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Marc Cenerizio, Chairman

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