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Acushnet Planning Commission Meeting & Public Hearing Minutes for February 23, 2023

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Open: 6:30pm
Adjourn: 7:21pm

Present: Mark Francois, Chairman
Rick Ellis, Vice Chairman
Bryan Deschamps, Member
Steve Boucher, Member

Absent: Dave Davignon, Member

Issue: The Chairman welcomes those in attendance and makes the media notification

Issue: A motion is made to open the Planning Board meeting.
So moved: S. Boucher
Second: R. Ellis
Vote was 4-0 (1 absent)

Issue: A motion is made to accept the Meeting Minutes of January 19, 2023
So moved: B. Deschamps
Second: S. Boucher
Vote was 4-0 (1 absent)

Issue: The Chairman asks the Board Members to introduce themselves

Issue: **ANR 2023-02** for land at 5&7 Tillie Way, Acushnet MA, ZLS Land Surveyors, LLC, New Bedford MA, drawn for Arlene Burtch c/o Vicki Burtch, 144 4th Ave NW, Cut Bank, MO 59427

John Romanelli from Zenith Land Surveyors, LLC is here to represent the owner. John notes this plan has gone through a Zoning Variance, which was approved. The property line survey between 5 & 7 Tillie Way found that the covered storage area on 7 Tillie Way was over the property line at 5 Tillie Way. The proposed plan takes that approximately 450 square foot area and adds it to the 7 Tillie way property. The variance was granted for the setback. The new lot line will go around the storage structure on 7 Tillie Way. Steve B. asks if it is already approved by the ZBA why come to the Planning Board? John R. explains the ZBA decision

gets recorded at the Registry of Deeds and the protocol from there is to get the plan endorsed by the Planning Board. Steve B. notes there was a transaction at the Registry of Deeds in January, 2022 which shows 7 Tillie Way now owned by 7 Tillie Way, LLC. Steve B. asks John R. if the property is owned by Paul Mitchell. John R. responds that it is not. Steve B. notes that by MA General Law it is not acceptable to make a non-conforming lot less conforming. The Board members discussed issue surrounding zoning changes in the past that may or may not have affected these properties. Rick E. notes that the particulars of those are not always straightforward.

Issue: A motion is made to approve and accept the plan as issued. The Board members signed the Mylar and associated plan drawings.

So moved: R. Ellis

Second: B. Deschamps

Vote was 3-1 (1 absent)

Issue: **Discussion:** Town Planner Staffing

Chairman Francois notes that the Planning Board will not be voting tonight to provide its staffing recommendations to the Town Administrator. Instead, the Town Administrator has asked to attend the next Planning Board meeting on March 9, 2023 with a grants consultant to inform the Planning Board of the importance of having a full-time Town Planner.

Issue: **Discussion:** New Fire Department Permitting Requirements for Solar Field Battery Storage.

Chairman Francois references the letter from Fire Chief Farland which states there are newly implemented fire codes specifically solar projects which include battery energy storage systems. Chairman Francois notes that projects which have battery storage will need this permitting requirement for Building Permits after December 9, 2022.

Issue: A motion is made to adjourn the meeting.

So moved: R. Ellis

Second: B. Deschamps

Vote was 4-0 (1 absent)

Respectively submitted,

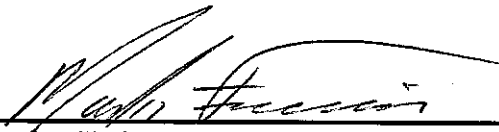
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Mark Francois, Chairman

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