

## WALPOLE PLANNING BOARD MINUTES OF APRIL 15, 2021

A Zoom meeting was held by the Walpole Planning Board on Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. The following members were present: John Conroy, Chair; Sarah Khatib, Vice Chair; Philip Czachorowski, Clerk; Catherine Turco-Abate, John O'Leary and Carl Balduf, Town Engineer.

Mr. Conroy opened the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

**ANR – Transit Realty LLC, 295 Union Street:** Mr. Conroy moved to allow the applicant to withdraw without prejudice as requested. Motion seconded by Mr. Czachorowski and voted 5-0-0.

**1363-1391 Main Street Endorsement:** Mr. Balduf stated he is all set with the plans. Mr. Conroy stated the town clerk has signed off that no appeals have been taken. Mr. Conroy moved to endorse the plans as submitted. Motion seconded by Ms. Abate and voted 5-0-0. Mr. Conroy asked that at least one board member stop into the office to sign the plans as both he and Mr. O'Leary will sign them tonight.

**7:05 p.m. Scenic Road Hearing, 600 Lincoln Road:** Mr. Conroy read the public hearing notice. Justin Monta, Walpole Tree Warden, explained the scenic road request. He stated the tree in question is a white pine and is on a slope and leaning toward the wires. Mr. Conroy noted the abutters have been noticed.

Mr. O'Leary asked if Mr. Monta has a particular issue as to why this tree should be taken down. Mr. Monta stated that anyone can request the removal of a tree in front of their property which is on town property. The tree is in front of Bernadette Parsloe's property at 600 Lincoln Road. Mr. Monta stated the tree is healthy and he has no concerns with it.

Mr. Czachorowski stated it looks like the pruning of this tree was a good job. Mr. Monta stated it was done four weeks ago. Mr. Czachorowski doesn't think it looks any different from other pine trees in the area. He asked if the tree is in the public way or on the homeowners' property. Mr. Monta stated it is in the public way. Ms. Abate asked if we could hear from the homeowner.

Bernadette Parsloe, 600 Lincoln Road stated she has lived here for many years with this tree leaning. Her concern is that with all the wind storms we are having lately it will fall down and take the wires with it.

Mr. Conroy stated the tree is on town property but in the personal opinion of the tree warden there is nothing wrong with the tree. Who knows, the tree could fall but then again it could never fall. Mr. Monta agreed.

Mr. Conroy moved to support the findings of the tree warden not to remove the tree in front of 600 Lincoln Road. Motion seconded by Mr. O'Leary and voted 4-0-1 (Ms. Khatib abstained).

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**7:20 p.m. Town Meeting Article 17 Continued Hearing:** Mr. Conroy moved to continue this hearing to April 29, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. as requested by the petitioner, Cyndi Hoag. He stated that notice has been sent to the abutters of the continued hearing. Motion seconded by Ms. Abate and voted 5-0-0.

**Walpole Housing Partnership:** Mr. Conroy stated that the Zoning Board notified us that they have appointed two members to the IZB committee: John Lee and Bob Fitzgerald. He stated that previously Mr. O'Leary and Ms. Khatib both indicated they would like to be the Planning Board designees.

Mr. Czachorowski nominated Sarah Khatib and John O'Leary to be part of the IZB Committee. Motion seconded by Ms. Abate and voted 5-0-0.

Mr. Conroy moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Mr. Czachorowski and voted 5-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Mr. Conroy reminded the board our next meeting will be on April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Czachorowski stated he cannot attend that night.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip Czachorowski, Clerk

**Accepted 5/6/21**