Minutes of the Town of Lee Planning Board

May 24, 2021

6:00pm Via Zoom

A regular meeting of the Lee Planning board was held virtually in accordance with Governor Baker’s Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law (MGL Chapter 30A, Section 20) on Monday, May 24, 2021 at 6:00pm on Zoom.

Present: Matt Carlino (Chair), Peter Bluhm, Peg Biron, Buck Donovan, David Forrest and Gordon Bailey (alternate).

Others Present: Kathy Hall, Tom Wickham.

**Call to Order**

Chairperson Carlino called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. For the record he informed those in attendance that the meeting was being recorded.

**Reorganization of Planning Board Members**

Member Biron nominated Member Donovan to be the Chair; Member Bluhm seconded. Planning Board voted (4-0-1). Member Donovan abstained.

Chairperson Carlino moved to appoint Member Bluhm as Vice Chair; Member Biron seconded. Planning Board voted (4-0-1). Member Bluhm abstained.

Member Bluhm moved to keep Member Donovan as delegate for Regional Planning Commission; Member Biron seconded. Planning Board voted (4-0-1). Member Donovan abstained.

**Zoning Withdraw Request – 525 Woodland Road**

Member Forrest moved to send a recommendation to the Selectboard to remove the article from the warrant; Member Carlino seconded. Planning Board voted (5-0). (Forrest – aye; Bluhm – aye; Biron – aye; Carlino – aye; Donovan – aye)

**Discussion – Tom Wickham, Signage**

Chairperson Donovan opened discussion for resident Tom Wickham. Mr. Wickham shared a picture of a sign that is nailed to multiple telephone poles and shared concerns whether the sign is considered a political sign. Brief discussion occurred regarding the concerns. The Planning Board recommended Mr. Wickham to submit a written complaint to the Building Commissioner.

**Sign Permits**

55 Housatonic Street – Apache Oil Company

Canopy & freestanding

The Planning Board requested more information through the permit eyes system.

**General Code and Bylaw Discussion**

Member Carlino discussed status of submission to Town Counsel. Lengthy discussion occurred regarding the proposed changes to the documents and communication with Town Counsel.

Member Carlino moved to have the Land Use Assistant send another email to Town Counsel seeking advice regarding the proposed changes and include the Selectboard Members, the Selectboard Secretary and the Town Administrator. Planning Board voted (5-0). (Bluhm – aye; Forrest – aye; Carlino – aye; Biron – aye; Donovan – aye).

Lengthy discussion occurred regarding the latest version of the consolidated bylaw proposals and the definition of a parking lot. The Board took no action.

**Other Topic**

Member Biron discussed concerns with the status of the Eagle Mill Project. Brief discussion occurred regarding the Project and reaching out to representative of the Eagle Mill Project.

Member Bluhm moved to adjourn meeting; Member Carlino seconded. Planning Board voted (5-0)

Chairperson Donovan declared the meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Elizabeth Mead

Land Use Assistant