

Town of Acton Planning Board Meeting

Thursday January 13th, 2022 6:00pm

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Christopher Whitman, Chairman; Gavin Maloney, Vice-Chair; John Qua, Patricia Pearson, Bernard Broder

Also Present: Jason Sevigny, CEO, Ashley Flynn, Land Use Secretary, Jennifer Roux, Town Administrator, Seth McCoy, William Langley, Joseph Ruma, Ramiro Lopez, Deborah Lopez, Dennis Long, Laura Johnson, Alison Davis, Jon Balanoff, Leonard Harty, Carolyn Harty, Gordan Waterman, Sue Perkins, Jason Roy, James Kittredge

Call to Order: The Chairman opened the Planning Board Meeting at 6:00 pm.

Public Hearing

- **Moratorium**

The Chairman started the public hearing stating that this is not a public hearing in the legal sense and more of a public comment session. The adoption of a moratorium doesn't require a formal public hearing when voted on at an open Town Meeting. However, the Planning Board felt it was important to hear the voices of Acton Property owners. Many of the town residents were able to voice their concerns by letters addressed to the Planning Board which was read out loud by Jennifer Roux the Town Administrator during the meeting. The public was also invited to the podium to speak their concerns.

The Chairman closed the Public Hearing by thanking all the residents that came out for the evening. The Board had a small discussion on the questions and statements made during the hearing.

Gavin Maloney made a motion, that the Planning Board amend the verbiage of the moratorium ordinance to include expansion of conditional use permits in the third paragraph from the bottom. Any new mineral extraction pit or the expansion of any existing mineral extraction conditional use permit. Bernard Broder second. All in favor- motion carried.

Bernard Broder made a motion to put the revised moratorium ordinance proposed language forward to the Select Board and Warrant Finance Committee. John Qua second. (4-1 Gavin Maloney) Motion carried.

Discussion

- **Round Table Discussion:** Zoning Ordinance definitions and proposed changes.

Bernard suggested to the Board that they hold a work shop with the purpose of working on the various amendments to the zoning ordinance. The Planning Board discussed some changes and would like to see a draft of the changes by the next meeting.

Bernard Border made a motion that the December 2nd and December 16th minutes be approved with the corrections cited by John Qua. John Qua second. All in favor, motion carried.

John Qua made a motion to adjourned. Bernard Border second. All in favor, motion carried.