



**TOWN OF PORTSMOUTH
PLANNING BOARD**

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**PORTSMOUTH PLANNING BOARD
Regular Meeting
February 14, 2018**

Members Present: Guy Bissonnette, Luke Harding, David Garceau, Ryan Tibbetts Edward Lopes and Kathleen Wilson.

Members Absent: Michael James

Others Present: Leon Lesinski, Administrative Officer, Portsmouth Planning Board, Atty. Kevin Gavin, Portsmouth Town Solicitor

The Meeting was called to order by Mr. Bissonnette at 7:00 p.m.

1. Agenda Continuances/Modifications:

MOTION: No continuances or motions made.

2. Approval of minutes for Planning Board meeting of January 10, 2018

MOTION: Mr. Tibbetts made a motion, seconded by Mr. Garceau to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 10, 2018. All in favor. So voted. Mr. Harding and Mr. Lopes abstaining due to their absence at the meeting.

3. BCM Realty Partners, LLC, AP 58, lot 49 (126 and 130 Glen Road) – Approve Preliminary Plan Decision for Major Subdivision: Leon Lesinski corrected the Decision by removing the phrase “the exception of the road width for which a variance was approved in the master plan in order to reduce impervious surface” because no variance was needed. A new printed decision was given to the Planning Board with that phrase removed. The Planning Board members read the new decision with the sentence removed.

MOTION: A motion to approve was made by Kathleen Wilson, seconded by Luke Harding. All in favor. So voted

4. Paul Dube, AP 37, lot 18 (27 Westwood Drive) – Approve Final Plan Decision for minor subdivision (two lots): Luke Harding recused himself because he was not present at the January 10, 2018 meeting.

MOTION: Kathleen Wilson made a motion to approve the decision and Ryan

Tibbetts seconded the motion. All in favor. So voted. Motion passed

5. Rhode Island Nurseries, Inc. (Sakonnet Bluffs, LLC), AP 59, lot 5 – Approve Third Modification Decision to adjust lot lines between lot 5N and 5P and to adjust drainage swale between lot 5K and 5L: Luke Harding recused himself because he was not present at the January 10, 2018 meeting.

MOTION: Kathleen Wilson made a motion to approve the decision and Ryan Tibbetts seconded the motion. All in favor. So voted. Motion passed

6. Joan M. DeMello Trust, AP 54, Lot 17 (346 Vanderbilt Lane) – Approve minor modification decision to Final Plan to reconfigure lot and roadway alignment:

MOTION: Kathleen Wilson made a motion to approve the decision and Ryan Tibbetts seconded the motion. All in favor. So voted. Motion passed

7. Discuss Aquidneck Island Planning Commission (AIPC) and report of AIPC activities: Kathleen Wilson said anyone can connect with AIPC and get their emails to stay updated on AIPC is doing. A \$300,000 grant was obtained for Island Waters bringing the total to \$1.3 million for best management practices. There are multiple projects going on and there are also contracts going out. Once all the bids are in then it can be decided which projects can be completed. Kathleen Wilson will have a list of all the projects for next months Planning Board meeting. Also, Guy Bissonnette brought up the fact that the island has this technology hub (Raytheon/ NUWC) and the island is not using this to its fullest potential. How can we take the island from 4G to 5G and make the island 5G friendly? Kathleen Wilson said AIPC is working on trying to get high speed internet throughout Aquidneck Island. DOT has put in fiber optic wires but the island is not fully using it. Also, in the handout it said there is a required class for Planning Board. Ryan Tibbetts asked if it is online/ or would a specific time be set up for them to do this/ or is it on everyone's own time? It's a do it on your own time. Guy Bissonnette also said it is not required.

8. Approve Monthly Project Status Reports, Administrative Subdivisions and Plat Plan Recording

Mr. Lesinski presented Monthly Project Status Reports, Administrative Subdivisions and Plat Plan Recording for February 14, 2018.

MOTION: Mr. Harding made a motion, seconded by Kathleen Wilson to accept the Portsmouth Planning Board Monthly Project Status Reports, Administrative Subdivisions and Plat Plan Filings, February 14, 2018 and to place it into the record. All in favor. So voted.

At 7:24 p.m., a motion was duly made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. So voted.

Respectfully submitted:
Tracy Adams
Recording Secretary for:

Leon Lesinski
Administrative Officer