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GREENFIELD PLANNING BOARD
Minutes of May 19, 2016

Department of Planning and Development
114 Main Street, Greenfield

The meeting was called to order by the Planning Board Chairperson at 7:00 p.m.

PB MEMBERS PRESENT: Roxann Wedegartner, Chair; Linda Smith, Vice-chair; Virginia Desorgher; Jamie Pottern and George Touloumtzis, Clerk

ABSENT: Alternates David Moscaritolo and Charles Roberts

ALSO PRESENT: Don Ouellette, Director of Public Works; Paul Raskevitz, DPW employee and Tree Warden; Aviva Latrell of the Recorder; Mary Praus; Norm Hirschfeld; Marsha Stone; Nancy Hazard; Marian Kelner; Hannah Bloom; Matthew Coombs; John Bottomly; Barbara Koch; (Don Ouellette also submitted an e-mailed comment from Hazel Dawkins and his response).

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: Moved by Smith, seconded by Desorgher, and voted 5:0 to approve the meeting minutes of May 5, 2016 as amended.

MOTION: Moved by Smith, seconded by Desorgher, and voted 3:2:0 (Pottern & Touloumtzis abstained) to approve the meeting minutes of May 17, 2016.

Public Hearing:

- a. Public Hearing pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 87 § 3 which requires that the Tree Warden of the Town of Greenfield hold a public hearing for the removal of 26 street trees.

Public tree hearing opened at 7:05 p.m.

Wedegartner stated that it was in error that the tree hearing was being held at the Planning Board meeting, that it had been realized that the Planning Board would only be involved if the trees involved were on a scenic roadway. Director Ouellette disagreed, saying the tree hearings should always come before the Planning Board.



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Tree Warden Raskevitz explained that trees are put on the list for proposed removal usually via citizen complaint or catastrophic failure. Smith asked about replacement trees. Raskevitz and Ouellette said that they put in 63 new trees last year, though they don't necessarily go into the same location where a tree was removed. This year 17 have been planted so far in the Green River Cemetery area; 27 more will be available in the next two weeks; and FRCOG has a grant for 30 for environmental justice areas; for a total of 74 new trees for this year. For the DPW trees, residents can request a tree being placed in their yard or in the tree belt (now again an option due to the tree ordinance passed by the Town Council yesterday). It was also added that citizens can now arrange to purchase and plant trees themselves in the tree belt. Raskevitz and Ouellette emphasized that it's important to have the right type and right type of tree for the particular site.

The list of 26 trees in question was reviewed. When citizens raised questions they were discussed in more detail. If a citizen or citizens voiced objections to the tree's removal, Ouellette said they would look at it again, and indicated the final decision about removal would be the Mayor's.

MOTION: Moved by Pottern, seconded by Desorgher, and voted 5:0 to close the public hearing at 8:33 p.m.

Subsequent to the public hearing the Board discussed how to resolve the discrepancy between the Board's and DPW Director's interpretation of relevant M.G.L.s relevant to tree hearings. Not clear if seeking legal opinion would be necessary.

Discussion Items:

a. Review of Draft Language of the Proposed Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance.

Wedegartner and Smith stated that they attended the 5/12 ZBA meeting when they reviewed the proposed ADU ordinance draft. They stated that the ZBA was generally supportive. The ZBA asked about the evolution of the language, told it was primarily for clarification purposes. The ZBA also asked for a list of other towns that have an ADU ordinance and for a copy of the model ordinance.

b. LID Working Group Meetings.

Touloumtzis stated that unfortunately the timing of the LID meetings is too much of a conflict with his work schedule for him to reliably attend. Wedegartner said she will be there regularly, missed yesterday's meeting only due to a schedule mix-up. Smith said she may be able to attend as well.



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Adjournment:

MOTION: Moved by Smith, seconded by Desorgher, and voted 5:0 to adjourn the Planning Board meeting at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

George Touloumtzis
Planning Board Clerk