

Planning, Zoning and Housing Committee

May 3, 2016 Special Meeting 7:30p.m. Town Hall Room 119

Present: Joanne Hennessy, Ted Hawkins, Patrick Keane, Joan Davis, Courtney Haidinger, Monica McNally Nanci Natale, Matt Jordan

Members Absent: Fred Conze, Joe Cherico, Liz Bacon, Kate Bates, Carolyn Bayne, John van der Kieft

Chair- Joanne Hennessy Clerk: Monica McNally

Meeting called to order at 7:45 p.m. by Joanne Hennessy.

Motion to approve Minutes from January 19, 2016 and February 11, 2016 made by Joan Davis and approved by all.

Chair Joanne Hennessy opened meeting with a discussion of the Norton Heights development project. Concerns were voiced on lack of action items being provided by the developer while they are simultaneously requesting amendments to the redevelopment zone from the town. Questions were raised on the impact of additional children entering the school system, traffic congestion from entry and exit to the development, and a satisfactory number of parking spots available for both tenants and retail users. It was noted that our town is limited on fire trucks capable of reaching a four story fire. The additional population could also have an impact on our town Fire Rating which could have a negative impact on our insurance rates going forward. Joanne encouraged members the Committee to disseminate information on the development to our constituents and to encourage them to send any letters of interest to Jeremy Ginsberg. The next public hearing on this development has been rescheduled to May 5, 2016.

Discussion followed on the full accounting of costs of 35 Leroy Ave. that were presented at the RTM meeting on April 18, 2016. Concerns were expressed on the unknown amount of future legal fees associated with ongoing lawsuits on the project. A motion for the meeting to be adjourned was made by Nanci Natale at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted by Monica McNally PZ & H clerk