

Special Meeting
Planning Zoning and Housing Committee (PZH)
of the
Representative Town Meeting (RTM)
DRAFT MINUTES
March 15, 2017
7:30 Room 213

In attendance:

Amy Barsanti, Carolyn Bayne, Ted Hawkins, Joanne Hennessy, Patrick Keane, Monica McNally, Peter Riorden, Amy Chickles

Absent:

Liz Bacon, Joan Davis, Jen Montanaro, Nancy Natale

Guests:

Jeremey Ginsberg, Jayme Stevenson

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm.

A vote was called to approve the minutes of the February 21st meeting. The minutes were approved with the following vote:

For: Amy Barsanti, Carolyn Bayne, Ted Hawkins, Joanne Hennessy, Patrick Keane, Peter Riorden, Amy Chickles

Abstain: Monica McNally

Absent: Liz Bacon, Joan Davis, Jen Montanaro, Nancy Natale

The group discussed the proposed Hecker Ave purchase and specifically reviewed the contract contingencies regarding the grant from the state and Darien Land Trust. Short term use (no immediate improvements anticipated) and potential future use (walking path connecting Town Hall to the library) of the land was also discussed and the committee voted on the following resolutions:

17.9 Consideration and action on the acquisition of 1.245 acres of land on Hecker Ave and authorizing the execution of documents to accept a State Grant and appropriate funds for the acquisition of said Property.

For: Amy Barsanti, Carolyn Bayne, Ted Hawkins, Patrick Keane, Monica McNally, Peter Riorden, Amy Chickles

Abstain: Joanne Hennessy

Absent: Liz Bacon, Joan Davis, Jen Montanaro, Nancy Natale

17.10 Consideration and action authorizing the issuance of an easement to the State of Connecticut in conjunction with the Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Land Agreement.

For: Amy Barsanti, Carolyn Bayne, Ted Hawkins, Joanne Hennessy, Patrick Keane, Monica McNally, Peter Riorden, Amy Chickles

Absent: Liz Bacon, Joan Davis, Jen Montanaro, Nancy Natale

17.11 Consideration and action on the acceptance of a gift to the Town of Darien in the Amount of \$137,500.00 from the Darien Land Trust.

For: Amy Barsanti, Carolyn Bayne, Ted Hawkins, Joanne Hennessy, Patrick Keane, Monica McNally, Peter Riorden, Amy Chickles

Absent: Liz Bacon, Joan Davis, Jen Montanaro, Nancy Natale

17.12 Consideration and action on authorizing the issuance and filing of a Conservation Easement to the Darien Land Trust.

For: Amy Barsanti, Carolyn Bayne, Ted Hawkins, Joanne Hennessy, Patrick Keane, Monica McNally, Peter Riorden, Amy Chickles

Absent: Liz Bacon, Joan Davis, Jen Montanaro, Nancy Natale

The group then discussed the requested appropriation for the redesign of the Noroton and West Avenue intersection. Jeremy Ginsberg explained the parameters under which the town will be applying for grant money from the state via federal pass through funds earmarked for transportation. The town bears the expense for the design, the state bears the construction costs currently estimated to be \$1.2mm. The state bears any excess construction costs. Timing of the request for redesign has been expedited due to the funds currently earmarked at the state level. The committee then voted on resolution:

17.8 Consideration and action on an appropriation for the local match for a grant to redo the Noroton/West intersection.

For: Amy Barsanti, Carolyn Bayne, Ted Hawkins, Joanne Hennessy, Patrick Keane, Monica McNally, Peter Riorden, Amy Chickles

Absent: Liz Bacon, Joan Davis, Jen Montanaro, Nancy Natale

General discussion over the appointment of an RTM member to the Blight Review Board ensued in advance of the general session.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40.