

Minutes of the meeting Tuesday, October 16, 2018 Of the Planning, Zoning and Housing Committee Of the RTM

With 11 of 16 members present, constituting a quorum, the regular meeting of the Planning, Zoning and Housing Committee was called to order by Chair Joanne Hennessy on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 7:00PM in Room 206, Darien Town Hall.

Present:

Chair Joanne Hennessy, Secretary Amy Chickles, Liz Bacon, Amy Barsanti, Carolyn Bayne, Fred Hebert, Caroline Luz, Petr Marousek, Rolf Obin, Arpita Muchal, Penny Wilson

Absent:

Joan Davis, Elise Feldman, Tim Goertel, Ted Hawkins, Morgan Whittier

Guests:

Jeremy Ginsberg

1. Approve minutes of May 1, 2018 meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting were sent to all members. Obin moved to approve with Bayne seconding. Minutes were approved with 10 in favor, 1 not there for vote.

2. Update on building projects in Town

Person giving report: Jeremy Ginsberg, Planning & Zoning Department Head
Ginsberg gave an overview on various developments, including:

1. The Federal Realty project in Noroton Heights has been approved and may start summer 2019.
2. The Palmer's project in Noroton Heights has been approved and may start in early 2019.
3. The Baywater project downtown along Corbin Drive/Boston Post Road is going in front of the Planning and Zoning Commission this month.
4. The Kensett Phase 2 project on Hoyt Street is almost finished.
5. Heights Pizza is moving into the former Planet Pizza space on Boston Post Road and renovating the outdoor space.
6. Several new retail spaces are going into existing buildings.
7. The Old Town Hall homes are still relocating tenants and will hopefully start construction in early 2019.

Committee members asked a number of clarifying questions regarding various projects and developments.

3. Review of P&Z department quarterly report

Person giving report: Jeremy Ginsberg, Planning & Zoning Department Head
A copy of the report was sent to the committee in advance of the meeting.

Ginsberg reviewed the report with the committee members, pointing out some seasonal variances but stating that permits, etc. remain steady over the past several years.

4. Other Business

Chair Hennessy mentioned the upcoming election on November 6, 2018 and asked that Committee members remember to fill out their committee choice forms after the RTM is reconstituted after the election.

There being no other business, Chair Hennessy moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05PM. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Chickles, Clerk

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Approved by Committee on: XXXXXXXXXX

Note: This meeting was recorded and can be viewed on DarienTV79's Vimeo channel at: <https://vimeo.com/295823181>