

Minutes of the meeting Monday, February 25, 2019 Of the Planning, Zoning and Housing Committee Of the RTM

With 10 of 13 members present, constituting a quorum, the regular meeting of the Planning, Zoning and Housing Committee was called to order by Vice Chair Amy Barasanti on Monday, February 25, 2019 at 7:05PM in Town Hall Auditorium, Darien Town Hall.

Present:

Vice Chair Amy Barasanti, Clerk Amy Chickles, Carolyn Bayne, Caroline Luz, Ted Hawkins, Linda Terhune, Michael Wheeler, Tim Goertel, Joan Davis, Marcy Minnick

Absent:

Chair Joanne Hennessy, Casey Haverstock, Morgan Whittier

Guests:

Members of the Finance and Budget Committee, Jeremy Ginsberg, Paula Sordoni of the Bring Your Own Bag group

1. Discuss and vote on resolution for fee increases for the Planning and Zoning Department

Person giving report: Jeremy Ginsberg, Planning & Zoning Department Head

A copy of the resolution and supporting information was sent to the committee in advance of the meeting.

To a joint meeting of PZ&H and the Finance and Budget Committee, Ginsberg presented information on Resolution 19-5: A resolution of the Representative Town Meeting of the Town of Darien Authorizing Increases in Land Use Application and Zoning Permit Fees. He briefly reviewed the purpose of the fees, the need to increase due to rising costs and how the fees are reviewed every 2-3 years.

After some discussion, a motion was made by Mike Wheeler and seconded by Ted Hawkins to approve Resolution 19-5. All those present were in favor.

Ginsberg then gave a quick update on the three large projects in town. Following this, F&B members left the joint presentation.

2. Presentation by the Bring Your Own Bag group

Person giving report: Paula Sordoni

A copy of the information was sent to the committee in advance of the meeting.

Sordoni presented information on a draft ordinance that will ban plastic bags below a certain thickness in retail businesses in town. There was discussion on possible ramifications of the ordinance. The draft ordinance is currently with the TGS&A committee for possible introduction at the March or April 2019 meeting.

3. Other Business

There being no other business, Vice Chair Barasanti moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30PM. All were in favor.

The next meeting of the Planning, Zoning and Housing Committee scheduled for Monday, March 18, 2019 at 7pm at Darien Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Chickles, Clerk

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Approved by Committee on: XXXXXXXXXX