

## **Minutes of the meeting Thursday, September 17, 2020 Of the Planning, Zoning and Housing Committee Of the RTM**

With 9 of 13 members present, constituting a quorum, the special meeting of the Planning, Zoning and Housing Committee was called to order by Chair Amy Barsanti on Thursday, September 17, 2020 at 7:00PM virtually via Go To Meetings.

Special Note: Due to COVID-19 and social distancing, all town meetings are being held virtually. Committee members joined either via video conferencing or calling in.

### **Present:**

Chair Amy Barsanti, Vice Chair Carolyn Bayne, Clerk Amy Chickles, Susan Lauritzen, Michael Wheeler, Catherine Kazim-Bailey, Caroline Luz, Marcy Minnick, Michael Casolo

### **Absent:**

Kenneth Fiveson, Linda Terhune, Jan Raymond, Sarah Baldwin

### **Guests:**

Director of the Planning and Zoning Department, Jeremy Ginsberg

1. Discuss and vote on Resolution 20-22: Ox Ridge Drainage Easement:  
Person giving overview and explanation: Jeremy Ginsberg

Ginsberg explained that this is the last step of a long process between the town and state and part of some larger drainage projects in the area. The drainage easement is for the Ox Ridge School. Barsanti informed the Committee that the Public Works Committee had discussed and vote in favor of the resolution.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the acceptance of Resolution 20-22 and seconded. All 9 present voted unanimously in favor.

2. Q&A on major developments in town  
Person giving update: Jeremy Ginsberg

Ginsberg updated the Committee on various large projects underway in town, including Corbin, Federal Realty, Palmer's, the Darien Playhouse, Old Town Homes, Highland Farms Park and the current legal undertaking of the Pemberton 16 building. The Planning and Zoning Department has also seen a rise in application from home owners for various additions and renovations.

3. Discuss and vote on Leasing parking spaces to MTA near Noroton Heights train station parking lot.

Persons giving overview: Chair Barsanti, Jeremy Ginsberg

This issue was tabled due to negotiation between the MTA and Town of Darien. Ginsberg gave a brief overview of the issue – the MTA would like to sublease part of the parking lot at Noroton Heights train station for employee workspace and parking for a possible two-year term. The issue is still in discussion so the Committee did not vote.

As this was a Special Meeting, there was no Open Business discussed.

After a motion and second to adjourn, the meeting concluded at 7:38PM.

Unless otherwise informed, the next meeting of the Planning, Zoning and Housing Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 7pm, meeting place to be determined.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Chickles, Clerk

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Approved by Committee on: XXXXXXXXXXXX