



MEETING MINUTES December 13, 2023

Members Present: Barur Rajeshkumar, Marc Frieden, Vincent Vignaly, Francesco Lopriore, Kevin LaClaire

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Iqbal Ali

All documents referenced in these Minutes are stored and available for public inspection in the Planning Board Office located at 140 Worcester Street.

The Chair opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Citizens' Comments – None tonight.

The board returned to its regular meeting at 7:59 p.m. after the Westland Circle Extension public hearing.

Westland Circle Extension – Mr. LaClaire made a motion that the Water District has approved connection of proposed subdivision to the municipal water system with a loop to the existing line in Lawrence Street. A deeded easement shall be provided to the Water District. In lieu of the homeowners being subject to the obligation of maintaining the pathway to Lawrence Street, the town will receive a payment for improvements in an amount to be agreed upon by the Planning Board. Mr. Lopriore seconded; Rajeshkumar/ LaClaire/Lopriore/Frieden voted in favor; Vignaly opposed; voted 4-1-0; motion approved.

Mr. Rajeshkumar explained that the sewer line was originally supposed to be maintained by the homeowners. The Select Board agreed that the town would take it over. Mr. Vignaly made a motion to delete Condition #2 in the approval for Westland Circle; Mr. Frieden seconded; all in favor; motion approved. Compensation was discussed and Mr. Ali agreed on an amount of \$15K to be used for future Woodland Park projects. Mr. Frieden made a motion that the money talked about in the prior motion, the amount voted on by the Planning Board is \$15K to be used for Woodland Park improvements; Mr. Lopriore seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved.

New Business:

Nuha Circle Request to Reduce the Bond – Mr. Lopriore read the street acceptance procedures from the town website. Mr. Ali was told to read the street acceptance procedures and provide the documents; then all but 10% of the bond can be released. Mr. Ali was not ready to act on it tonight and granted the board an extension of an additional 60 days to act on the bond reduction request.

Discussion – MVP Grant – Resilient Streams of the Wachusett Reservoir (Weston and Sampson) – Andy Gaughan (Weston and Sampson) was present and explained that the MVP grant helps

municipalities in MA fund climate resiliency projects for infrastructure improvements. West Boylston received funding of \$105K; the town is providing a matching \$30K in cash and in-kind services. The goal is to prepare a program to reduce flooding and increase water quality from the Wachusett Watershed. To do that there are six key components: (1) inventory all town-owned culverts, (2) identify areas of flooding, (3) identify areas of poor water quality, (4) assess nature-based protection/remediation options, (5) compile town input, and (6) develop a plan of action. By June 30, 2024, the town will have a plan, cost estimates, cost benefit analyses and permitting restrictions reading for implementation. Mr. Gaughan has already inventoried and inspected all of the culverts in town. The board provided input on the areas of concern. Mr. Gaughan will look at those areas in the spring.

Old Business:

275 Woodland Street (Kidoodles) - Project status from Building Department – Mr. Rajeshkumar said this project had previously been before the board, but its jurisdiction was removed because the project changed. An abutter recently inquired about the status. It was explained to the abutter that it is no longer a project for the Planning Board; it’s under the Building Inspector. The Town Administrator will be advised to speak with the interim Building Inspector to bring him up-to-date.

Reports from Other Boards: None tonight.

Invoices were approved for payment. Kevin LaClaire made a motion to approve the draft November 8, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes and Westland Circle Extension Public Hearing Minutes; Frank Lopriore seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved.

January 10, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. was confirmed as the next regular meeting date and time.

Vincent Vignaly made a motion to adjourn; Frank Lopriore seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Date Accepted: _____

By: _____

Marc Frieden, Clerk

Submitted by: _____

Melanie Rich