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PLANNING BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, March 3, 2015, 6:00 p.m.

Johnston Senior Center, 1291 Hartford Ave., Johnston, RI 02919

MEETING MINUTES

The Planning Board of the Town of Johnston held their regular meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3, 2015, at the Johnston Senior Center, 1291 Hartford Avenue, Johnston, RI 02919.

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Quorum present for the Board: John Laurito, Chair; Albert Cournoyer, Vice-Chair; Joseph Lembo, Sindy Tonole and Christine Cunneen. Absent: Peggy Passarelli and Mohamad Sasa. Also present for the Town were Joseph Ballirano, Esq.; Michael Asciola, Town Planner and Susan Leonardi, Planning Clerk.

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion was made A. Cournoyer to accept the minutes of the February 3, 2015 Planning Board meeting. Motion was seconded by J. Lembo. **A voice vote was taken; all in favor.**

III. Old Business

A. Johnston Comprehensive Plan Update *PB '13-10*

Workshop to discuss the Comprehensive Plan Update.

M. Asciola stated that the current Comprehensive Plan expired in November, 2014. He plans to approach the Mayor to obtain funding to hire a consultant to write the new plan. Will have an update for the Board next month.

IV. New Business

B. Advisory Opinion to the Town Council for Disposition Surplus of State Land *PB '15-04*

Town Council seeks an advisory opinion from the Planning Board on the conveyance of State property located at 32 Roma Avenue (AP 38 Lot 54) by public sale. Title 37 Chapter 7 Section 5 of the General Laws of RI mandates that when selling land or property, the acquiring authority shall first offer the Town or City in which the land or property is located an offer to purchase said property at fair market value.

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J. Laurito presented the project to the Board. No discussion.

A. Cournoyer made the motion to send a positive recommendation to the on the conveyance of state property located at 32 Roma Avenue, A.P. 38, Lot 54 by public sale. Based on the Planning Board's positive findings in the 2 point test set forth in R.I.G.L. 45-24-52 that is that I find the proposal consistent with the Comprehensive Plan of the Town, including the goals and policy statements, implementation program, and all other applicable elements of the plan and consideration of each of the applicable purposes of Comprehensive Plan and the Board's finding will include the recognition and consideration of each of the applicable purposes of zoning as presented in R.I.G.L. 45-24-30 and article 1 section B of the ordinance. For the above reasons, I find the adoption of this proposed conveyance is consistent with good planning and the Town's Comprehensive Plan. I therefore favorably recommend that the conveyance of the state property located at 32 Roma Avenue, A.P. 38 Lot 54 by public sale be adopted by the Town Council.

This was seconded by J. Lembo.

A voice vote was taken; all in favor.

III. Administrative Report & Special Items

M. Asciola discussed the Tolling Law and the department expects to finalize several applications in the coming months as the tolling period comes to an end.

IV. General Business

M. Asciola reminded the Board members to confirm their attendance with the Planning Department for each meeting in order to verify that there will be a quorum.

V. Adjournment

A. Cournoyer made the motion to adjourn and this was seconded by J. Lembo. Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peggy Passarelli, Secretary