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PLANNING BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, March 1, 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 monthly meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1, 2016, at the Johnston Senior Center, 1291 Hartford Avenue, Johnston, RI.

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. Quorum present for the Board: John Laurito, Chairman; Mohamad Sasa, Joseph Lembo, Sindy Tonole. Also present for the Town were Joe Ballirano, Esq., Acting Building Official Planning Board Solicitor; and Louis Fabrizio, Planning Clerk.

II. Approval of Minutes

J. Lembo made the motion to approve the minutes for February 2, 2016. P. Passarelli seconded the motion. **WHEREUPON A VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN; ALL IN FAVOR.**

III. New Business

A. Advisory Opinion to the Town Council for Parking or Storage of Commercial Vehicles in Residence Districts. PB '16-03

Town Council seeks an advisory opinion from the Planning Board on an ordinance amending section 340-33 of the Town of Johnston Code of Ordinances, 340-33 parking or storage of commercial vehicles in residence districts. In any residence district, the parking or storage of any commercial vehicles over 1 ton weight or capacity shall not be permitted except where such parking or storage is directly related to and is accessory to a permitted use or lawful nonconforming use on the premises.

J. Laurito opens for public.

David Santilli, Town Councilman, was dully sworn in. D. Santilli states that it has been a long time since this ordinance has been updated and suggests it should be adjusted to a ton. Our zoning Ordinance currently allows for $\frac{3}{4}$ of a ton. Trucks are bigger now and so the Town Council is seeking an advisory opinion from the Planning Board. He stated that Arnie Vecchione, Director Of public Works, suggested the limit be raised to one ton.



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Ed Civito, acting Building Official, said testimony about his prior experiences and concerns. E. Civito stated that this could be a case by case situation. Trucks with advertisements, spot zoning, personal, work truck, and so on. There are many issues involving Diesel, starting trucks up early in the morning, fumes, noise, and so on. Most families with three or more vehicles have one truck. E. Civito suggested bringing in a public official from the police, Director of Public Works, and more research be done.

This matter will be continued to May 2016.

IV. Old Business (continued items)

V. Administrative Report & Special Items

VI. General Business

VII. Adjournment

S. Sasa Made a motion to postpone the advisory opinion to the Town Council on the parking or storage commercial vehicle to the May meeting to allow for further review. P. Passarelli seconds the motion. **WHEREUPON A VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN; ALL IN FAVOR.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Peggy Passarelli, Secretary