

Call to Order:

The Planning Board Meeting was called to order at 5:30PM on May 17, 2022 via Cisco Webex online video conferencing platform. Present were Vice Chair Rocky Leavitt (via phone call); Members Neil Magenheim, Ann Knowles, and Vinny Chiozzi, Jr. (via phone call). Also present were Paul Materazzo, Director of Planning & Land Use and Carlos Jaquez, Deputy Director of Public Works.

DISCUSSION ITEM:**Town Meeting Warrant Article 33 – Funding to Repair Hacienda Way for Street Acceptance:**

The Planning Board held a special meeting to discuss new developments related to the abovementioned Town Meeting Warrant Article, a private article petitioned by Courtney Famiglietti, resident at 3 Hacienda Way, which the Board had previously voted to recommend approval at the April 12, 2022 meeting. Mr. Materazzo provided a progress update and stated that, due to a recent discovery, the Planning Division advises the Board to reconsider their vote. On behalf of the Department of Public Works (DPW), Mr. Jaquez discussed their present concerns with the article as it is written. There are easements that have not been transferred over to the Town and the article does not include language regarding the conveyance of said easements, according to Mr. Jaquez. As a result, DPW can not support Article 33 until this matter has been resolved. He added that the department requested the petitioner to withdraw the article, but that request was declined.

Ms. Knowles asked if the article could be amended on the floor to satisfy DPW's request. Per Mr. Materazzo, it was determined amid discussion with the Town Moderator that said amendment would be outside of the Town Meeting Four Corners rule.

Mr. Materazzo suggested that the Planning Board provide a statement that members agree the street should be accepted but recommends disapproval at the present time due to a flaw in the way the article was written. He added that he would draft specific language for the Planning Board in advance of Town Meeting. Mr. Materazzo further noted that Ms. Famiglietti and Don Schroeder, resident at 204 Haggetts Pond Road, were invited to the meeting and are aware that the Town can not recommend approval and the reasoning behind this decision.

Ms. Knowles expressed her hope that the Town would act within the next year to resolve the matter. Mr. Materazzo responded that he expects the petitioner to work with the Planning Division this summer to revise the article and he would provide an update to the Planning Board in the Fall.

On a motion by Ms. Knowles, seconded by Mr. Magenheim, the Planning Board unanimously voted to reconsider Article 33 to reflect that the Board does not recommend approval at this time. **Vote: (4-0)**

Adjournment:

On a motion by Ms. Knowles, seconded by Mr. Magenheim, the Planning Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 5:47PM. **Vote: (4-0)**

Documents:

Planning Board Agenda