

Zoning Board of Appeals February 27, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order:

Mr. Brian Heath, Chairman, called the meeting to order in the Council Chambers located on the second floor of the Municipal Office building, 66 Central Square, Bridgewater at 7:00pm

Attendees:

Present: Brian Heath, Chairman; Gerry Chipman, Vice Chair and Anna Klimas, Associate Member

Absent: Michael Mainvielle, Associate Member

Staff Present: Jennifer Burke, Director of Community and Economic Development

0 Plymouth Street, Map 24, Parcel 50 and 51 – Use Variance

Mr. Brian Heath, Chairman, opened the continued public hearing on Use Variance for 0 Plymouth Street.

0 Plymouth Street, Map 24, Parcel 50 and 51 – Appeal of Building Inspector's Decision

Mr. Brian Heath, Chairman, opened the continued public hearing on the Appeal of Building Inspector's Decision.

Mr. Brian Heath, Chairman, asked for input from Jennifer Burke, Director of Community and Economic Development, regarding applicant's request for continuances for both the Use Variance and Appeal.

Ms. Burke informed the Board that she continues to work with the applicant, Mr. Murphy, and is now in the process of reviewing Mr. Murphy's draft LIP application that he intends to submit to the DHCD for a Town supported, friendly 40B project. Feedback will be provided to him on the application by the end of the week ahead of his submission.

With a positive response from DHCD Mr. Murphy intends to come back to the Board with a 40B proposal and withdraw these two applications. The thought process being the 40B would be easier for the Board to condition and monitor the affordable units and be a better project for the Town overall. Applicant would like to keep these two items open just in case the DHCD declines the application. With support letters from the Town Manager and Town Council and a brief outlining how the 40B project would fit into the Town's housing production plans, acceptance by DHCD is expected.

Board discussed setting the date for continuance further out than requested by applicant in order to allow for a response/answer on the LIP application and set the date of May 8, 2019.

Mr. Gerald Chipman, Vice Chair, made a motion to accept the applicant's request for a continuance and continued the hearing to the agreed date of May 8, 2019 at 7pm. Mr. Brian Heath, Chairman, seconded the motion. VOTE: All in favor, none opposed.

Board discussed and agreed to the cancelation of the March 13, 2019 meeting (no agenda items anticipated).

Zoning Board of Appeals Business

Review of Meeting Minutes

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from the February 13, 2019 meeting.

Mr. Gerald Chipman, Vice Chair, made a motion to approve the February 13, 2019 minutes as presented. Mr. Brian Heath, Chairman, seconded the motion. VOTE: All in favor, none opposed

Mr. Brian Heath, Chairman, made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:06pm. Mr. Gerald Chipman, Vice Chair, seconded the motion. VOTE: All in favor, none opposed. Mr. Brian Heath, Chairman, closed the meeting. Next Zoning Board of Appeals meeting will be held on March 27, 2019 at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers located on the second floor of the Municipal Office Building, 66 Central Square, Bridgewater.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa D. Fields
Executive Assistant