



Town of Georgetown

MINUTES

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- 2 Committee: Planning Board
- 3 Date: April 8, 2015
- 4 Time: 7:00pm.
- 5 Location: Georgetown Town Hall, 3rd floor conference room
- 6 Members and Staff present: Harry LaCortiglia, Tillie Evangelista, Tim Howard, Bob Watts, Howard Snyder,
- 7 Andrea Thibault.

8 The Meeting was called to order at 7:08pm by Vice Chair H. LaCortiglia.

9 Rob Hoover arrived at 7:12pm.

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11 **Approval of Minutes:**

12 Minutes from the March 25, 2015 meeting were reviewed. T. Evangelista: Motion to approve minutes
13 with discussion. T. Evangelista made a motion to approve minutes. B. Watts: Second. Motion carries 4-0
14 unanimously.

15 **Correspondence:**

- 16 1. Town of Rowley: Planning Board – Amendment to Zoning Map
- 17 2. Town of Rowley: Planning Board – Rowley Protective Zoning Bylaw amendment
- 18 3. Town of Boxford: Zoning Board of Appeals – Amendment to cell tower application
- 19 4. Town of Georgetown: Building Inspector – Denial of Accessory Apartment at 444 North Street
- 20 5. Town of Newbury: Planning Board – Amendment to Town Zoning Code

21 H. Snyder: None of the correspondence is of note to the Board.

22 **Vouchers:**

- 23 1. none.

24 **Public Hearing:**

- 25 1. none.

26 **New Business:**

- 27 1. none.

28 **Member or Public Report:**

- 29 1. No concerns were presented by the Public.
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- 31 2. R. Hoover asked the Planning Board to make a request of H. Snyder that he get an update for the
- 32 Board from Peter Durkee on the Elm Street Project. He also asked that a request be made for an
- 33 update from Peter Durkee on the trees planned for Main Street in front of The Spot restaurant.
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- 35 3. R. Hoover suggested to the Planning Board an update from Parks and Rec Commission to learn
- 36 what their long term plans are. H. LaCortiglia discussed the CPC meeting and funding for Phase III
- 37 of American Legion Park renovation, the East Main Street Rec Facility, and the purchase of two
- 38 open space active recreational parcels. With respect to the E. Main Street Recreational facility,
- 39 Phase I went out to bid. The lowest of four bids came in higher than the budgeted funds for the
- 40 project because of extra engineering costs. The highest bid was over a million dollars. Phase I has
- 41 not been awarded because of inadequate funding. Parks and Rec has now scaled back the scope
- 42 of Phase I, and again sent out to bid. They are expecting bids to be back by April 15th. H. Cortiglia
- 43 discussed the lack of appetite in the Town for bonding, and the fact that the high school turf field
- 44 upgrade and also Wheeler Brook Farm project are bonded. Instead of bonding the full
- 45 construction project at East Main Street, Parks and Rec has chosen to fund their projects in
- 46 phases, within their budget.
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- 48 4. T. Evangelista questioned why the wording on the legal ad posted was different from the wording
- 49 that was voted on at last meeting. R. Hoover explained that the vote was on the process of
- 50 posting legal notice for a public hearing. R. Hoover explained that the vote was not on the
- 51 wording of the legal ad. R. Hoover explained that discussion regarding the legal notice, wording
- 52 and otherwise, is the purpose of the public hearing.
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- 54 5. T. Evangelista discussed her request for a bylaw to help preserve older homes built in the 1800's.
- 55 She requested exceptions of the bylaws to allow for apartments beyond the density that exists
- 56 today. She discussed a draft proposal where the applicant would come initially to the zoning
- 57 board. Then, the historical commission would make a determination if the building is historical
- 58 and therefore could be issued a special permit. This is a way to preserve the older, historical
- 59 homes in Georgetown that everyone wants to save. R. Hoover requested H. Snyder add this bylaw
- 60 request for fiscal year 2016.

61 **Planning Office:**

- 62 1. Turning Leaf – Report from Site Inspection Engineer.
- 63 H. Snyder distributed to the Board an opinion from Town Counsel on the Turning Leaf subdivision.
- 64 Conclusion of Town Counsel is that Parcel "F" is to be given to the Town in the care and custody of the
- 65 Conservation Commission.

66 **List of Documents and Other Exhibits used at Meeting:**

67 *Documents and Other Exhibits used at meeting will be available for review at the Georgetown*
68 *Planning Office.*

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70 Motion to adjourn was made by H. LaCortiglia. B. Watts seconded the motion. Motion approved 5-0.
71 The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

72 Next Meeting:

73 Date: April 14, 2015

74 Time: 7pm.

75 Place: Georgetown Town Hall, 3rd floor conference room