



TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH PLANNING BOARD

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Planning Board Minutes

Members Present: Theresa Capobianco, Chairman; George Pember, Leslie Harrison, Amy Poretsky, Michelle Gillespie

Others Present: Kathy Joubert, Town Planner

Meeting began at 6:00pm.

Discussion RE: Proposal for Duplex Policy Review

Kathy Joubert contacted three consultants pertaining to working with the Planning Board on duplex regulations. Barrett Planning Group LLC was chosen by the Board for this project at a cost of \$2000.

Leslie Harrison made motion to hire Barrett Planning Group LLC, second by George Pember, all in favor.

Design Review Committee

The DRC will be meeting later this evening to review final draft of industrial district design guidelines.

Recreational Marijuana

Brief discussion regarding Planning Board should spend fall 2017 reviewing the recent proposed legislation changes and potential regulations for spring 2018 town meeting. George Pember and Leslie Harrison stated the proposed changes to the state legislation are so in flux, unclear as to how to proceed. Amy Poretsky asked whether the Planning Board should pursue a discussion with the Board of Selectmen about giving the residents the opportunity to vote and opt out of having recreational marijuana facilities in town given that Northborough voted no on the ballot question.

Board members agreed to continue this discussion at future meetings.

ZBA Applications

Amy Poretsky asked board members if they wanted to send comments to ZBA regarding variance application for two duplexes in the industrial zone at 5 Bearfoot Road. George Pember and Leslie stated they are not in favor of sending letter to ZBA; Michelle Gillespie stated there is not enough information for the Planning Board to send a response; and Theresa Capobianco had to temporarily leave the meeting room.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

Submitted by

Kathy Joubert, Town Planner