

SEEKONK PLANNING BOARD
Work Session
Planning Board Meeting Room
March 21, 2017

Present: D. Sullivan, M. Bourque, R. Bennett, J. Roach
Absent: S. Foulkes (with cause), L. Dunn (with cause)

Acting Chairperson, David Sullivan opened the Special Planning Board/Work Session at 7:06 p.m.

Discussion: Planning Board Fees for FY18

J. Aubin provided the proposed PB fees for FY18:

- Preliminary Plan fee to increase from \$300 to \$400 (more in line with what surrounding towns are charging, however, we would like to encourage preliminary plans).
- Site Plan application fees should be dependent on whether it is a change of use with *no* new construction or *with* new construction. The proposed fee for solar photovoltaic and cellular communications tower is \$1,000 application fee, which is also in line with the surrounding towns.
- Recording fees eliminated since that is now the applicant's responsibility.

Ch. Sullivan suggested leaving the preliminary plan application fee as \$300 and increase the definitive plan application fee to \$600 from \$500.

M. Bourque said he agreed.

R. Bennett asked why the change of fees were being proposed at this time.

Ch. Sullivan said that all fees were addressed at the time of the General By-Law review. He also requested the Planning Department budget be discussed at the next PB meeting on March 28th.

J. Roach asked if the fees will be reviewed on a yearly basis.

J. Aubin said going forward they will be discussed yearly.

R. Bennett made a motion to endorse the fee schedule with the amendments and forward them to the BOS, J. Roach seconded, and it was unanimously approved.

VOTE: Approved 4-0

Correspondence

Ch. Sullivan discussed a letter that was received from Mr. Crandall regarding the land located at the corner of Hammond Street and Chestnut Street (zoned Chapter 61B). The Open Space working group has been discussing potential uses of land in the Town of Seekonk for recreation, affordable housing, etc. He thinks this will offer the opportunity for town boards to discuss together and forward recommendations to the CPC.

J. Aubin provided a summary of the land:

- Corner of Chestnut Street and Hammond Street;
- Wetland area;
- An ANR plan (Subdivision) for the property creates 4 lots, potentially 5 with a shared septic system located in the back area;
- Approximately 14 acres.

Ch. Sullivan asked a motion be made to request a letter be mailed to Mr. Crandall by the BOS advising him that the town is investigating its option under 61B. He also requests that the BOS have the CPC and Planning Board work together to investigate possible uses for the land by the town.

R. Bennett made motion asking that CPC and Planning Board conduct an investigation for potential reuse of the site for the passive or active recreation, affordable housing, or other public benefit; J. Roach seconded, and it was unanimously approved.

J. Roach made a motion to adjourn the PB meeting, M. Bourque seconded and it was unanimously approved.

VOTE: Approved 4-0

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Kristen L'Heureux