

TOWN OF STOW  
PLANNING BOARD

Minutes of the April 25, 2017 Planning Board Meeting

Planning Board Members Present: Lori Clark, Ernie Dodd, Steve Quinn, Margaret Costello,  
Len Golder

Non-Voting Associate Member: John Colonna- Romano

Absent: Mark Jones

Lori Clark called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

**Vote on Planning Board Warrant Articles and Zoning Amendment Articles**

*Citizen Petition for Modification of Zoning of Portion of Map R-22 Parcel 2-A, 44 Box Mill Road*  
The Board deliberated on the recommendation of support for the citizen petition article after the March 21<sup>st</sup> Public Hearing on the issue. The Board voted on the article at the April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, though the Warrant Article number was misstated, requiring a revised vote.

*Ernie Dodd moved that the Planning Board recommend Town Meeting not pass Article 74, regarding the rezoning of a portion of land from the Recreation/Conservation district to the Residential district at 44 Box Mill Road, Map R-22 Parcel 2-A.*  
*Margaret Costello Seconded.*

**VOTED: 3-1 In Favor (Lori Clark, Ernie Dodd, Margaret Costello- Yea, Opposed- Steve Quinn).**

Len Golder arrived.

*Lower Village Traffic Safety Improvement Project*

Jesse Steadman discussed the Complete Streets Prioritization Plan, Warrant Article 31, item 6, for \$50,000 in reimbursable funds through MassDOT.

*Ernie Dodd moved that the Planning Board recommend Town Meeting to approve Article 31, item 6, for the Complete Streets request for reimbursable funds of \$50,000.*  
*Steve Quinn Seconded.*

**VOTED: 5-0 In Favor (Lori Clark, Ernie Dodd, Steve Quinn, Len Golder, Margaret Costello- Yea).**

Jesse Steadman said that Warrant Articles 52-69 are for the purposes of accepting pedestrian improvement easements from property owners along the scope of work of the Lower Village Traffic Safety Improvement Project.

*Ernie Dodd moved that the Planning Board recommend Town Meeting to approve Article 52 for a pedestrian improvement easement from Presti Family Limited Partnership for a sum of three thousand dollars.*

*Len Golder Seconded.*

**VOTED: 5-0 In Favor (Lori Clark, Ernie Dodd, Steve Quinn, Len Golder, Margaret Costello- Yea).**

*Ernie Dodd moved that the Planning Board recommend Town Meeting to approve Articles 53 through 69 for pedestrian improvement easements.*

*Len Golder Seconded.*

**VOTED: 5-0 In Favor (Lori Clark, Ernie Dodd, Steve Quinn, Len Golder, Margaret Costello- Yea).**

### **Jillian's Lane Bond Approval**

Jesse Steadman said that the contractor for the Jillian's Lane subdivision would like to move forward with replacing the culvert on Walcott Street, for which he had taken out a bond without prior approval. Jesse Steadman said that John Boardman, of Places Associates, and Mike Clayton did not note any concerns with the bond, though the language would likely not be approved by Town Counsel. The Board agreed that the language in the bond will need to be reviewed by counsel, and that the bond needs to be held by a Massachusetts company.

### **Attend Board of Selectmen's Meeting**

The Planning Board agreed to not attend the Board of Selectmen's meeting, in favor of meeting with the Board directly prior to Town Meeting to provide a complete update on the Lower Village Traffic Safety Improvement project.

### **Executive Session- In Accordance with M.G.L. Ch.30A s.21 for purposes of discussing ongoing litigation**

Lori Clark stated that the last agenda item is an executive session, as public discussion would be detrimental to the litigation.

*Ernie Dodd moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss ongoing litigation and adjourn the regularly scheduled meeting of the Planning Board thereafter.*

*Steve Quinn Seconded.*

**Roll Call Vote: Lori Clark – Yea; Margaret Costello – Yea; Ernie Dodd – Yea; Steve Quinn – Yea.**

**Meeting Adjourned.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Valerie Oorthuys