

MINUTES

Members Present: S. Accorsi, P. Aho, B. Chandy, L. Cooley, C. Cotton, R. Hall, D. Plante, K. Rawn, V. Ward

Alternates Present: J. DeVivo, K. Fratoni

Staff Present: L. Painter, Director of Planning and Development; J. Kaufman, Senior Planner/Inland Wetlands Agent; J. Woodmansee, Planning Specialist; E. Galbraith, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Aho called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission to order at 6:41 p.m. Due to COVID-19 social distancing restrictions, the meeting was held as a web-based virtual meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ward MOVED, Chandy seconded, to approve the March 16, 2020 meeting Minutes as presented. Motion PASSED unanimously.

ZONING AGENT REPORT

Noted.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

6:35 P.M. Application of the Taylor Family Trust (owner/applicant) to amend the Zoning Map to change the zoning of a portion of property located on the north side of Storrs Road, between 9 Timber Drive and 1768 Storrs Road (Parcel ID 2.5.22) from Rural Agriculture Residence 90 (R-90) and Professional Office 1 (PO-1) to Planned Business 3 (PB-3). (PZC File 1365)

Cooley MOVED, Rawn seconded, to adjourn the public hearing on the Zoning Map Amendment application of the Taylor Family Trust, owner/applicant, for property located between 9 Timber Drive and 1768 Storrs Road (PZC File 1365) to Monday, May 18, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Council Chamber or, if COVID-19 social distance restrictions remain in place, a virtual meeting room. If a virtual meeting room is used, instructions on how to access the meeting room will be posted on the meeting agenda.

Motion PASSED unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Application of the Taylor Family Trust (owner/applicant) to amend the Zoning Map to change the zoning of a portion of property located on the north side of Storrs Road, between 9 Timber Drive and 1768 Storrs Road (Parcel ID 2.5.22) from Rural Agriculture Residence 90 (R-90) and Professional Office 1 (PO-1) to Planned Business 3 (PB-3). (PZC File 1365)

Tabled pending completion of public hearing.

B. Modification to Special Permit, Hops 44 Restaurant, 625 Middle Turnpike, Nancy McKenney, owner/applicant.

Tabled to April 20, 2020 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

A. UConn Hockey Arena Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE)

Painter presented an overview of the comments prepared by staff and the Conservation Commission. Members asked for clarification on various recommendations.

Chandy MOVED, Plante seconded, to authorize the Chair to co-endorse a joint PZC/Town Council letter to the University of Connecticut regarding the Hockey Arena EIE. The recommendations in the 4/6/2020 memo from Linda Painter, Director of Planning and Development, shall serve as the basis for this letter and may be amended to reflect additional comments provided by the Town Council.

Motion PASSED unanimously.

B. Town Manager's Proposed FY20-21 Budget

Painter provided background for the Zoning and Subdivision Regulation project funding that has been included in the proposed FY21 Capital Improvement Budget for discussion by members.

Ward MOVED, Rawn seconded, to authorize the Chair to prepare and submit a communication to the Town Council in support of the proposed funding for the Zoning Regulation rewrite project.

Motion PASSED unanimously.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Regional Planning Commission

The next meeting is scheduled for June 11, 2020.

Regulatory Review Committee

The minutes of the April 3, 2020 meeting were not available at the time this packet was posted. The next regular meeting of the Committee is scheduled for April 17, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. Due to the extension of social distancing guidelines to April 30, this meeting will be held as a web-based virtual meeting.

Planning and Development Director's Report

Painter reported on revised procedures that have been prepared in response to Governor Lamont's executive orders 7B and 7I.

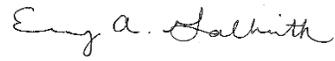
COMMUNICATIONS AND BILLS

The Commission received a 3/25/2020 letter from Paul Stern, 614 Mansfield City Road

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Emmy A. Galbraith
Administrative Assistant