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Development Review Board & Planning Commission Minutes December 12, 2019

Members present: David Raphael, Chair, Mary Rudd, Brad Dewey, Dave Wolniewicz, Anna Hopper

Others Present: Kris Perlee, Sharon Ashcroft, Kevin Cooke

Development Review Board

David Raphael called the meeting to order at 7pm.

The November minutes were reviewed. Brad Dewey moved to accept them as written, Dave Wolniewicz 2<sup>nd</sup> and the vote was unanimous in favor. The minutes from the November 14th public hearing were reviewed Dave Wolniewicz moved to accept them as written, Brad Dewey 2<sup>nd</sup> and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Kris Perlee presented the board with a 2019 year-end Zoning report totaling 5 building permits. A discussion of mylar's signatures ensued. He noted, and the board agreed an updated system to have them signed needs to be implemented. Kris Perlee noted he has made no headway with the greenhouses. He is waiting for a meeting with the owner to determine if she is an operating farm.

Kevin Cooke, who was in attendance because of an unsigned mylar, spoke of his attorney's opinion that mylar's need to be signed within 60 days and a plat is not approved until the signature of the chair is on it. There was then the discussion of the meaning a Plat vs a Mylar and when the actual approval of the subdivision happens. Mary Rudd noted she felt the signature is the final step. The board voted and approved the plat. It is recorded in the Town records and

that should be ok. Kevin Cooke asked if he should get a new Mylar for both his original subdivision and the more recent boundary adjustment. Kris Perlee will touch base with the Town's attorney and move forward with his recommendation as to if the mylars need to be replaced or just signed. Mary Rudd asked that Kris keep her informed as David Raphael will be away for several weeks.

Mary Rudd moved to adjourn the DRB and convene the PC at 7:27pm. Annie Hopper 2<sup>nd</sup> and the vote was unanimous in favor.

### Planning Commission

The November minutes were reviewed. David Wolniewicz moved to accept them as written. Brad Dewey 2<sup>nd</sup> and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Sharon Ashcroft was in attendance to talk about the South Road Trail . She said the Vorsteveld Farm has requested to cut down trees on South Road. She believes it is a three rod right-of-way and noted the Vorsteveld's own both sides of the trail. Sharon Ashcroft said the reason she came to share this information is to preserve the public use of the Trail and she would not like to see the area clear cut. David Raphael commented that our Town Plan identifies South Road as an asset and would urge the Selectboard to not allow the trees to be cut. Mary Rudd made the motion to state that clear cutting trees on a legal town trail is not consistent with our Town Plan and to communicate that position to the Selectboard. Brad Dewey 2<sup>nd</sup> and the vote was unanimous in favor.

David Raphael noted the Planning and Environmental Linkage Study (PELS) study is going forward as the Selectboard feels we need to support it or we will have no voice in what is done. Davis Raphael feels the Planning Commission should send their own letter to Secretary Flynn. Mary Rudd feels Panton needs to part of the statement of work to have a say in what is covered in the PELS study. David Raphael will draft an email to Adam Lougee and the Selectboard and state the same.

The board discussed the Resilient Right of Way study and noted that perhaps the road foreman should come to a Planning Commission meeting for further discussion.

Mary Rudd moved to adjourn at 8pm, Annie Hopper 2<sup>nd</sup> and the meeting was unanimously adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Devino  
Assistant Town Clerk