

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 24, 2020
FOR THE EASTON PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Note: These minutes, prepared to comply with Section 1-225 of the General Connecticut Statutes, is an approximate record of matters discussed and actions taken by the Commission at the meeting, but has not yet been reviewed by the commission for accuracy or completeness and is therefore subject to change or correction.

Chairman, Robert Maquat, called the Regular Meeting, Virtual Meeting via ZOOM, to order at approximately 7:03 pm.

Regular Members present: Ross Ogden, Robert Maquat, Thomas Maisano, Wallace Williams and Raymond Martin (arrived shortly after meeting started)

Alternate Members present: Jay Habansky and Alison Sternberg

Alternate Member absent: Walter Kowalczyk

ZONING ENFORCEMENT REPORT:

Zoning Enforcement Report:

- Potential violation for 5 Knapp Street – Section 34301. Recreation Structures – No change. Needs update for next meeting
- Zoning Violation for 740 Stepney Rd/15 Hayes St - Section 3310, recreational vehicle storage – No change – Needs update for next meeting
- Zoning Violation for 45 Westport Road – Section 3500 and 5100, Home-based businesses – Secretary called but nothing new received. Needs update for next meeting.
- Potential violation for 57/59 Church Road – Section 6300, Exterior Lighting – No change
- Zoning Violation for 120 Maple Road – Section 3310, Parking, Commercial Vehicles – Update on status of violation - Mr. January had sent an e-mail to Planning and Zoning which had been forwarded to the Commission. Mr. January attended the ZOOM meeting. The Chairman stated he had spoken to the First Selectman over 10 days ago. The file for 120 Maple Road will be sent to Attorney Ira Bloom.

New Business:

- Acceptance of SP-20-02, Special Permit Application, Submitted on behalf of Marcus G. and Karen B. Weinseiss, 81 Tranquility Drive, by SAVCAT, INC., to install a ground-mounted solar array, as depicted on a site map dated 7/11/20. – No change. Nothing new received. No answers to e-mails sent. The Chairman stated that the application was still not yet complete; no public hearing scheduled.
- *Plan of Conservation & Development Amendment Section 6 – Add “6.6. Recommended Plans and Programs to Support Easton’s Conservation, Development, and Infrastructure Strategies”* – No discussion

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Chairman stated that he had received a draft letter from Justin Giorlando regarding the Planning Initiatives the Commission was hoping to discuss at future meetings. He will review it and discuss it with Mr. Giorlando.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 24, 2020
FOR THE EASTON PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (continued)

- *Zoning Amendment Sections 3250.7 & 5340* – Add “Managed Residential Home” as a permitted principal structure and use – Raymond Martin had sent over some information to Justin Giorlando. Mr. Giorlando will update the definition of Individual Residential Unit.
- *Zoning Amendment Section 3310 Parking, 3. Commercial Vehicle Storage* – There was a brief discussion of draft amendment and the slight changes that were made.
- *Grant Application* – TAP Grant; Justin Giorlando received report this afternoon; will distill and report back to the Commission.
- *GIS Project* – Create GIS portals for Open Space, Agri-Tourism, and Trails/Bikeways – No discussion
- *Review Subdivision Regulations* – No discussion

ADDED TO THE AGENDA: Motion was made by Robert Maquat, seconded by Ross Ogden, to add to the agenda a sign permit received by Phil Doremus via e-mail from Steve Tramosch, Member of the Masonic Lodge, for a request to put up a banner on its lawn which states: Easton Town Party Sat., Sept. 12th, 1-7pm, Live music, food & more – eastontownparty.com; this event is being held in conjunction with the 175th Anniversary of the Town of Easton. The vote was unanimous, 5-0, motion carried. The Commission reviewed the e-mail received and acknowledged that in the past, for EMS and the Police, the Commission had determined that banners that communicate a municipal message were not considered a sign and should be allowed. By consensus the Commission determined they did not have enough information regarding the sign location on the lawn and designated the Zoning Enforcement Officer, Phillip Doremus, to be an agent for the Commission regarding this banner and its location; the Chair noted that the Commission will not meet again until September 14, 2020.

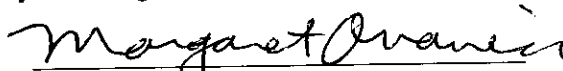
ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

South Park Avenue Update – No discussion. Item should come off agenda.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of Regular Meeting August 10, 2020 of the Easton Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion was made by Wallace Williams, seconded by Ross Ogden, to approve the Minutes for August 10, 2020 Easton Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting as presented. The vote was unanimous, 5-0, motion carried.

At approximately 7:30 pm, there being no other business to be conducted, motion was made by, Wallace Williams, seconded by Ross Ogden, to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous, 5-0, motion carried.


Margaret Arania, Recording Secretary