

Present: Chairman Robert C. Haarde, Vice-Chairman Leonard A. Simon, Selectman Susan N. Iuliano
Selectman Patricia A. Brown, Selectman Daniel E. Carty and Town Manager Melissa Rodrigues

Joint Meeting with the Planning Board - Planning Board Vacancy – Interview Candidate

Present: Planning Board Chairman Steve Garvin, Planning Board Members Peter Abair, John Hincks,
Charles Karustis and Candidate and Planning Board Associate Member Nancy Kilcoyne and Director of
Planning and Community Development Meagen Donoghue

At 8:23 p.m., Chairman Haarde welcomed members of the Planning Board for a joint meeting to consider the appointment of a new member to the Planning Board, and he and Planning Board Chairman Steve Garvin each opened the Joint Meeting with their respective Boards. The Board was previously in receipt of copies of a letter of resignation from the Planning Board from Christopher Morely received October 10, 2017, an email from Mr. Morely dated September 28, 2017, and a resume for Planning Board Associate Member Nancy Kilcoyne.

Vice-Chairman Simon asked former Associate, and now full Planning Board Member John Hincks how the transition of membership has worked. Mr. Hincks stated he found the time as an Associate Member very beneficial and he would encourage all boards to have Associate Members.

In response to a question from the Board, Planning Board Chairman Steve Garvin stated that, if Ms. Kilcoyne is appointed as a full member tonight, the Planning Board would begin to advertise for and encourage Associate Member applications. Chairman Haarde encouraged people to reach out to fellow residents who might be interested.

It was on motion and roll call unanimously

VOTED: To appoint Planning Board Associate Member Nancy Kilcoyne, 35 Hickory Road, to a full member of the Planning Board with a term expiration of May 31, 2018, to fill the remainder of Christopher Morley's term, who recently resigned from the Planning Board, Selectman Daniel E. Carty, aye, Selectman Patricia A. Brown, aye, Selectman Susan N. Iuliano, aye, Vice-Chairman Leonard A. Simon, aye, Chairman Robert C. Haarde, aye, John Hincks, aye, Peter Abair, aye, Chairman Steve Garvin, aye, and Charles Karustis, aye.

Vice-Chairman Simon congratulated Ms. Kilcoyne, noting her impressive background.

At 8:28 p.m., the Joint Meeting of the Board of Selectmen with the Planning Board continued to discuss the next three agenda items.

Joint Meeting with the Planning Board – Master Plan – Discussion

Director of Planning and Community Development Meagen Donoghue stated the Planning Board renewed its discussion regarding a new Master Plan when the Town submitted an application for a State Community Compact Grant.

Planning Board Chairman Steve Garvin stated the Planning Board has begun work on a draft Request for Proposal (RFP), but it has been recommended that the Town should first work on a RFP to hire its consultant. After a consultant is on board, the next step would likely be to create a committee to work on the new Master Plan.

Vice-Chairman Simon asked if there is a deadline for completion of the Master Plan. Town Manager Rodrigues stated the deadline for the Community Compact Grant is June 30, 2019.

Vice-Chairman Simon stated it would be helpful for the Planning Board to update the Selectmen periodically during the next 17- month process. Chairman Garvin stated the Board would share its draft RFP and it will encourage input throughout the process, which is intended to be transparent. He also stated the goal is to have a consultant on board by the first quarter of 2018.

Selectman Carty encouraged making sure information in the Master Plan is consistent with information in other Town sources (such as population projections). He asked how facilities' needs would fit into the Master Plan. Chairman Garvin stated facilities are typically addressed in a separate process, but it might be touched upon in a Master Plan.

Selectman Brown stated June 2019 is an ambitious schedule, and she thanked the Planning Board for beginning this work.

Joint Meeting with the Planning Board – Marijuana – Discussion

Town Manager Rodrigues stated tonight's discussion is in anticipation of the need to present a zoning bylaw-related article for the May 2018 Town Meeting. She explained that, since the Town previously voted no regarding marijuana, Sudbury enjoys a bit of a safe haven.

Vice-Chairman Simon stated he believes Town Counsel will be collecting information from other communities regarding options available in preparation for a Warrant article. He further stated there will be opportunities to also obtain input from the public regarding its preferences for Sudbury.

In response to a question from Selectman Iuliano, Town Manager Rodrigues stated she would not recommend putting more than one option in the Warrant. It is believed that the general public sentiment will be known through public discussions by sometime in January 2018.

Selectman Brown highlighted zoning for ~~recreational~~ medicinal marijuana would not be effected.

Planning Board member John Hincks asked how close the previous vote was in Town regarding marijuana. Selectman Carty stated there was only a 227 vote margin.

Vice-Chairman Simon announced the Town Forum will be held on March 3, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the High School, and marijuana will be the topic. He stated it is hoped residents will attend and students will also be encouraged to attend.

Chairman Garvin asked if Police Chief Nix has recommended a preferred option for the Town. Town Manager Rodrigues stated Chief Nix would prefer an outright ban, noting he is concerned about edibles. Vice-Chairman Simon highlighted there would be no field sobriety test for marijuana as there is for alcohol, and thus enforcement becomes difficult. He also noted the legal age for marijuana is the same as it is for alcohol, 21, but marijuana is easier to conceal and harder to detect.

Director of Planning and Community Development Meagen Donoghue stated there is very useful information available online regarding State-wide zoning options.

From a zoning perspective, Chairman Garvin stated he would be curious to know what Wayland and other surrounding towns are planning. Town Manager Rodrigues noted Wayland did not put any zoning in place for medicinal marijuana.

Selectman Iuliano asked what the next steps should be. Town Manager Rodrigues stated she would distribute to the Planning Board the information Town Counsel will soon provide.

Selectman Carty asked if the Town would also want to consider banning vaping. Town Manager Rodrigues stated the Board of Health has some policies it is reviewing. Selectman Brown referenced the Town's Tobacco Use Bylaw from 1988. She proposed these regulations be updated to what is enforced by the Board of Health and -that the Town should update its bylaw.

Vice-Chairman Simon stated BOH Director Bill Murphy informed him vaping has been included as a form of smoking, and the High School has adopted a no-vaping policy.

Chairman Haarde requested additional research on how other towns are handling these issues be done prior to the Board's next Meeting and for the Board to also discuss vaping.

Selectman Carty stated he would not want to pass a ban for marijuana and later realize it contains a loophole for vaping. Chairman Garvin noted marijuana use is allowed in some aspects within households, and the Board should discuss how this would fit in with any action steps taken. Vice-Chairman Simon also noted marijuana plants can be gifted.

Joint Meeting with the Planning Board – Route 20 and Landham Road 75% Design - Discussion

At 8:49 p.m., Chairman Haarde opened a discussion regarding the Landham Road intersection. The Board was previously in receipt of copies of the "Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highway Division Plan and Profile Route 20 (Boston Post Road) at Landham Road In the Town of Sudbury Middlesex County Federal Aid Project No. 75%/100% Submittal."

Town Manager Rodrigues referenced the plans provided, noting the project is complicated and Town staff is in the process of reviewing the plans. In response to a question from Selectman Brown, Town Manager Rodrigues stated hard copies of the plans are maintained in her office. She stated the Town has been asked to

provide any comments and she also encourages letters of support for the project to be completed. Town Manager Rodrigues asked the Planning Board to submit a letter of support.

Planning Board Chairman Steve Garvin stated the plans look good. He noted more landscaping would be beneficial on the corner on the Coolidge side. He further noted the intersection will be more efficient with the traffic signal.

Planning Board member Peter Abair stated this project is a priority because it is a high-volume intersection.

Vice-Chairman Simon asked if the traffic light will be a “smart” light. Chairman Haarde requested for a “smart” traffic light to be advocated for and confirmed.

Selectman Brown asked if a Public Hearing would be held on the 75% design. Town Manager Rodrigues stated she would check on this.

Selectman Carty asked about the abutters. Town Manager Rodrigues stated she believes contact has been made with nearly all the abutters. She further stated contact with the abutters is bound to continue based on the plans. Town Manager Rodrigues noted pedestrian accessibility at this intersection will be greatly improved.

Selectman Carty encouraged Town entities to provide letters of support for this important project.

At 8:55 p.m. Planning Board Chairman Steve Garvin announced the close of the Joint Meeting of the Planning Board with the Board of Selectmen.