

HINGHAM PLANNING BOARD
August 10, 2020 @ 7:00 PM
REMOTE MEETING

Present Remotely: Planning Board Members: **Kevin Ellis, Judith Sneath, Gordon Carr, Gary Tondorf-Dick, and Rita DaSilva**, Community Planning Director, Mary Savage-Dunham, Administrative Assistant Sherry Robertson

Planning Board Agenda

Remote Meeting information

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7:00 PM Call to Order

111 Weir Street – Site Plan Review under Section IV-B.6.b

Request for Site Plan Review for the construction of a new single family residence.

103-107 South Street – Site Plan Review in Association with Building Permit - Request for waiver

Request for waiver of Site Plan Review to allow the construction of an enclosure over an existing concrete slab

Adoption of minutes

Adjourn

Hearing(s)

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM. Chairman Kevin Ellis read the Governor's statement regarding remote hearings during the current State of Emergency due to Covid-19.

111 Weir Street

The applicant John Woodin was present remotely as well as project engineer, Gary James. Gary James shared his screen to review the changes to the plan since the last hearing. Mr. James discussed that trees that are being removed are in the area of construction and utility installation and the reason the utilities are in that location is to avoid ledge. He stated that the plan was revised on this day, August 10, 2020. The Board expressed frustration regarding not having the updated drawings to review prior to the meeting. Gary Tondorf-Dick made suggestions to change the location of the utilities in order to save some

of the tress. Gordon Carr inquired about two tress that are being removed to make room for the loam stockpile, suggesting that the stockpile could be located elsewhere to eliminate the need to remove those trees. Gary James stated that they will try to work on saving more of the trees. John Woodin stated that the trees that are located where the stockpile is proposed would make it very difficult for the contractor to move throughout the site. Gary Tondorf-Dick suggested that through construction sequencing, more trees may be save and less of the site would be disturbed. Judith Sneath voiced concern regarding the environmental impact at the site. Kevin Ellis stated that the Board would not be ready to move forward without the updated plans and the Board agreed it would be best to continue the hearing.

Motion: Kevin Ellis made a motion to continue the hearing to September 14, 2020.

Second: Gary Tondorf-Dick

In Favor: Gordon Carr, Rita DaSilva, Gary Tondorf-Dick, Judith Sneath, and Kevin Ellis

Opposed: none

103-107 South Street

The applicant, Bob Shepard was present remotely to explain that he is seeking a waiver of Site Plan Review to create an enclosure at the rear of his building to protect condensers and create a storage area. The Board agreed that it was encouraging to receive positive feedback from the neighbors that things had been done to their satisfactions with regards to the previous permit, and thanked the applicant for his efforts to achieve the positive outcome. The Board agreed that this request makes sense, and a wavier would be appropriate.

Motion: Kevin Ellis made a motion to waive Site Plan Review on this matter.

Second: Rita DaSilva

In Favor: Gordon Carr, Rita DaSilva, Gary Tondorf-Dick, Judith Sneath, and Kevin Ellis

Opposed: none

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Sherry Robertson,
Administrative Assistant