



CITY OF GLOUCESTER

PLANNING BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday February 16, 2012 at 7:00 PM

Kyrouz Auditorium, City Hall, 9 Dale Avenue, Gloucester

Richard Noonan, Chair

Members Present:

Richard Noonan, Chair

Mary Black, Vice Chair

Henry McCarl

Karen Gallagher

Marvin Kushner- Absent

Joe Orlando- Absent

Staff:

Gregg Cademartori, Planning Director

Pauline Doody, Recording Clerk

I. BUSINESS

- A. Call to Order with a Quorum of the Planning Board
- B. Introduction of Planning Board Members and Staff
- C. Approval of Minutes of January 19, 2012

Motion: Approval of the January 19, 2012 minutes.

1st: Henry McCarl

2nd: Karen Gallagher

Vote: Approved 4-0

II. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

III. CONSENT AGENDA

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 40A Section 9 & 11, and the Gloucester Zoning Ordinance Section 5.21 Gerald L. & Jean S. Borofsky petition the Planning Board for a Common Driveway special permit to access 33 & 35 Andrews Street (Assessors Map 143 Lot 54).

Presenter: Dave Babson, 58 Middle Street, Gloucester

Attorney Babson stated an application has been submitted for a Common Drive waiver under 5.21 along with the common driveway maintenance agreement and covenant. The buildings have been there since 1890's. A common driveway requires sufficient parking. There are appropriate utilities.

Mr. Cademartori stated the only condition we have put on this application is if the two properties owners decide to make significant improvements to the common driveway, they must get the appropriate permits along with a review by engineering. What the ANR accomplishes is; dividing the property so they are compliant for the district and also in the event that the properties changes hands, then both the owners understand the responsibility of the maintenance of the common driveway and the location of the utilities.

Public comment: None

Motion: The subdivision control law doesn't apply to the proposed division at 33 & 35 Andrews Street (Assessors Map 143 Lot 54).

1st: Karen Gallagher

2nd: Henry McCarl

Vote: Approved 4-0

Motion: To close the public hearing for the Common Driveway special permit to access 33 & 35 Andrews Street (Assessors Map 143 Lot 54).

1st: Mary Black

2nd: Karen Gallagher

Vote: Approved 4-0

Motion: Approval of the special permit for 33 & 35 Andrews Street (Assessors Map 143 Lot 54) with standard conditions and also with the condition that if there is substantial improvement or paving in the future that it must be reviewed by the city engineer.

1st: Mary Black

2nd: Karen Gallagher

Vote: Approved 4-0

V. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Election of Officers

Motion: Nomination of the current officers for the new term.

1st: Henry McCarl

2nd: Karen Gallagher

Vote: Approved 4-0

Ms. Gallagher stated that the CPA final applications are due in March.

Mr. McCarl stated the last PIRC meeting was cancelled.

Mr. Noonan stated the last vacancy for the board is in the process of being filled. She is a chemist that came through Councilor Hardy.

B. Planners Report – Meeting Logistics

Mr. Cademartori stated the rezoning petition is coming up and there is discussion to have joint meetings. Schedules have to be coordinated to accommodate everyone.

The Harbor Walk is under construction and a ribbon cutting will be held on Friday the 17th. They are looking to be complete in May.

The Washington Street reconstruction project has been discussed and designed for the past 8 years. The hope is to get it in the state construction schedule. The activity has ramped up on the project. There is a public hearing scheduled for April 3 on 25% of the design. Bayside Engineering has been contracted by the city for the work. It will be a significant project.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn

1st: Henry McCarl

2nd: Karen Gallagher

Vote: Approved 4-0

VII. NEXT MEETING

Next regular meeting of the Planning Board is Thursday March 1, 2012

Planning Board Members: If you are unable to attend the next meeting please contact the Planning Office at (978)281-9781.