

Town of Canton

Planning Board Meeting

July 29, 2020

Courtroom, Canton Municipal Building

6:30pm

Members Present

Chairperson Michael Morgan; Debra Backus; Sigie Barr-Sapp

Recording Secretary Jeni Reed

Members Absent

John Casserly; Joel Howie

Others Present

Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Murray; William Fobare; Meghan Parkman; Julie Parkman

Call to Order

The meeting of the Town Planning Board was called to order at 6:33 pm by chairperson Michael Morgan.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Sigie Barr-Sapp to approve the minutes from the July 22, 2020 Town Planning Board Meeting with correction to the Fobare Subdivision section: all parcels will be for agricultural use. The motion was seconded by Debra Backus and carried.

Agenda Items

1. Discussion of proposed Parkman “Hipcamp” Campground - Public Hearing and Follow Up

Based on the discussion from July 22, the board was satisfied with the proposal and information provided. Meghan Parkman indicated that she would put in the information to the “Hipcamp” portal, and determine what kind of interest there is for usage. Prior to any campers visiting they would complete the set up of the campsite and have the Code Enforcement office visit to confirm fire safety and any other issues. No public comment was presented.

Sigie Barr-Sapp made a motion to approve the proposed “Hipcamp” site; Debra Backus seconded the motion and it carried.

2. Discussion of proposed Fobare Subdivision - Public Hearing and Follow Up

Based on the discussion from July 22, the board was satisfied with the proposal and information provided. It was determined that the entire proposal will be all subdivisions of the property with no lot line adjustments performed.

It was indicated that all members of the board understand the regulations which allow for the removal of the majority of the requirements in this case due to the agricultural use of the land. This motion was made and carried in the previous meeting on July 22, 2020.

At this time there were no additional comments from the members of the board, Mr. Fobare, or the public.

Debra Backus made a motion to approve the requested subdivision; this motion was seconded by Sigie Barr-Sapp and carried.

3. Discussion of Solar Batteries Storage Facilities Model Law

The board has done a preliminary review of the proposed solar storage model law as provided by the County. At this time the board has decided to make one addition; adding the following language: “The town planning board reserves the right to require an outside expert, chosen by the town, to review the application. Cost incurred shall be the responsibility of the applicant.”

The updated proposed model law will be presented by Michael Morgan to the town board in the near future for their review and discussion.

Debra Backus made a motion to approve the model law for solar battery energy storage system as written, with the addition of the above language; the motion was seconded by Sigie Barr-Sapp and carried.

Other Items

Regarding Ron Bush’s approved convenience store, the DEC is supposed to call Jeff Murray, but it has been indicated that the discussion of the need for a wastewater management plan was a recommendation only.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Sigie Barr-Sapp, seconded by Debra Backus, and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 pm.