

NEEDHAM PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

May 2, 2016

The regular meeting of the Planning Board held in the Highland Room at the Needham Town Hall, was called to order by Jeanne S. McKnight, Chairman, on Monday May 2, 2016 at 7:10 p.m. with Messr. Jacobs, Alpert and Owens and Mss. Grimes as well as Planning Director, Ms. Newman and Assistant Planner, Ms. Clee.

Discuss Town Meeting Warrant Articles.

With respect to Article 28, "Accept Access Easement – Oak and Cypress," Ms. Newman stated that all of the documents for the subdivision went on record. Ms. McKnight said that if Town Meeting does not accept the easement, the loop won't be closed; but the Town can always go back to Town Meeting with the request. Mr. Alpert said that his understanding is that the public is allowed to traverse a private way. Ms. Grimes inquired, with the easement already on record, where does the subdivision approval stand if Town Meeting does not vote to accept the easement. Mr. Jacobs said the Town *can* approve easement but does not have to. Ms. Grimes said that in the future, the easement should be held until Town Meeting approves it. There can be a separate road maintenance agreement that goes on record.

Mr. Alpert asked if the Board wished to comment on Article 25, the Food Truck Article. Ms. McKnight notes minutes from 3/29/16, in which Mr. Jacobs said he would share his opinion with the Council of Economic Advisors (CEA). Mr. Alpert suggested that the Food Truck Article is not in line with the vision of the Needham Center Plan. They can be detrimental to the economic development of the Center. Mr. Owens said, although he is personally against it, he doesn't think the Board should take an opinion, if it was not asked of them.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Jacobs, and seconded by Ms. Grimes, it was by the five members present unanimously:

VOTED: to support the Board of Selectmen motion to refer the article back for study.

Ms. McKnight asked if the Board wanted to support the Hillside School Article.

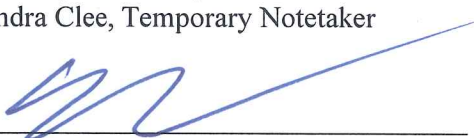
Upon a motion made by Ms. Grimes, and seconded by Mr. Jacobs, it was by four of the five members present (Mr. Owens abstained):

VOTED: to support the Hillside School Article.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Grimes, and seconded by Mr. Alpert, it was by the five members present unanimously:

VOTED: to recess the meeting at 7:27 p.m. and to reconvene at the Annual Town Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Alexandra Clee, Temporary Notetaker


Elizabeth J. Grimes, Vice-Chairman and Clerk