Planning Board Minutes

Date: January 3, 2023

Meeting location: Stockbridge Town Hall, 50 Main Street, Stockbridge, MA

Present: Member Wheeler, Member Raftery, Clerk Slosek, Chair Fletcher Remotely: Member Sprague,

Chair Fletcher asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the December 6th meeting. Member Wheeler moved to approve the minutes and Member Fletcher seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Town Council was present to answer questions from the Board regarding the LPOD. From Town Council: Some of the verbiage in the zoning bylaw could be transferred to Conservation in the General (Town) Bylaw. Site plans used in the zoning bylaw, site plan review and approval arise from home rule authority as a municipality. Site plan is either approved or approved with conditions when received complete. Section 6.5 refers to site plan review and does not require a stamped plan. Findings and conditions should be written up in the approval of the special permit. The Board does have broad discretion in reviewing applications for special permits. The Board must be clear as to why their decision is stated.

A discussion to compare the general bylaw under Conservation prevue to the LPOD under Planning Board and find where they may have duplicate areas. Planning Board is no longer obligated under the BRPC contract as Cara Farrell has taken another job. The board may be able to use the Conservation consultant, David Camron. Kate will reach out to him to help separate the overlap of the LPOD and that of Conservation. Member Wheeler motioned to contact David Camron regarding help with the overlap of the two boards and Member Raftery seconded. The vote was: Chair Fletcher- Yes, Member Wheeler – Yes, Member Raftery – Yes, Member Slosek – Yes, Remotely, Member Sprague – Yes, the motion carried.

Member Slosek moved to adjourn and Member Wheeler seconded, the vote was: Chair Fletcher-Yes, Member Wheeler – Yes, Member Raftery – Yes, Member Slosek – Yes, Remotely, Member Sprague – Yes, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Carmichael, Planning Board Secretary

Meeting Documents: No documents used at the meeting

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