

Town of Paxton
Planning Board



Approved 6/12/23

Regular Meeting and Public Hearing

Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 7:00pm held at the John Bauer Senior Center, 17 West St, Paxton, MA

ATTENDANCE:

MEMBER	PRESENT (X)	ABSENT (X)
Neil Bagdis	X	
Henry B. Stidsen, Jr.	X	
Jeffrey Kent	X	
Robert Pelczarski		X
Peter Schur	X	

Other Attendees: Kim Ames (KA), Tara Rondeau (TR), Yvette Orell (YO), Phil White, Yaw Nguyen, Esi Alexia Kodra

(NB) called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm

Meeting Minutes

Motion (JK) seconded (PS) to accept the minutes as written of March 13, 2023, vote 3-0, all in favor.

Temporary Accessory Use Apartment

3 Pond St, owner William Beaudry, renewal, no changes.

Motion (JK) seconded (HS), to renew the TAUA permit for 3 Pond St, vote 4-0, all in favor.

New Business

All members present signed the yearly Registry of Deeds list of members for the signing of ANR's.

Old Business

Discussion regarding Olivia Knoll/Spaulding Woods: (NB) There are three street lights that were installed by the builder. Asked TR and YO to explain what exists now and what the rest of the town has for lights. (TR) There are different lights over the passage of time but mainly the same for the past 15 years. The three lights that are there now are fiberglass which we don't have, the head is not the same and they are higher than others. (NB) What would it involve changing them? (TR) The base would need to be installed underground. (NB) Would you request money to be held back from surety? (TR) Probably yes, I would be concerned if bond is released and the bill isn't paid. (YO) Speaking from the Light Board, we are okay with the existing lights. If one breaks, we will fix it. (JK) Read aloud from the Subd. Rules and Regs regarding street lights. Did the developer go to the Light Dept. before installing the lights? (KA) The prior foreman gave his approval. I have emails back and forth from him. (NB) Did he have the authority to do that? (TR) Not really, but things were done differently back then. The lights were powered in Nov. of 2019. (NB) I am concerned setting a precedence if we allow the different lights. (TR) Also, we are with an understanding that the prior foreman was doing all things correctly. (NB) There is also a concern that work was done independently without inspections. (NB) How would you recommend we proceed? (TR) I would like different lights but I recognize the faults that happened in the past and there is no written policy of certain lights or lumens. (YO) We are willing to take on what is there. (NB) The cost to replace them in the future would go directly to the taxpayers ultimately. Several Olivia Knoll residents were present and expressed that they want the lights left on. (KA) Stated that there are only two lights on the approved plan. What would happen if we keep the road private? The residents stated they didn't want that to happen. (KA) We will pay to have the third light removed. (NB) The approved light in the circle is not in the right place either. This board would like all of the lights replaced and left in the current locations. (TR) The rough cost would be \$11,180 including labor. (KA) We will pay for the three new lights plus \$6000 and the Light Dept. will do the labor. And, we will pay the monthly bill until the lights are accepted. (NB) Thank you Kim for being agreeable. (NB) Asked where we stand with the DEP and the landfill property. (KA) I haven't heard anything from DEP. It was mowed in May and November last year. (NB) Please let us know when it is mowed in May. Looking at a map of the property, KA was shown exactly where the mowing needs to be done. (NB) Please contact Jim McCracken from DEP. It was also agreed by the board that the bond be reduced by the amount of the cost of the trees. The amount was not available at the meeting but will be researched and an amount will be determined.

Motion (HS) seconded (PS) to release the amount of the cost of the street trees from the bond, vote 4-0, all in favor.

Motion (PS) seconded (HS) to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm, vote 4-0, all in favor.

The next meeting, if needed, will be on Monday, May 15, 2023.

****documents referenced located on file in the TSC office**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sheryl Lombardi".

Sheryl Lombardi