

PLANNING BOARD

DATE: June 8, 2023

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

PLACE: Via Zoom

FOR: Regular Meeting

PRESENT: Brandee Nelson, Chair; Pedro Pachano; Jonathan Hankin; Jeremy Higa
Jackie Kain, Associate Member

Chris Rembold, Assistant Town Manager/Director of Planning and Development

Ms. Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. She read the opening statement. She said the meeting was being recorded. Ms. Nelson also read Section 241-1 of the Town Code.

Roll call attendance: Mr. Hankin, present; Mr. Pachano, present; Mr. Higa, present; Ms. Nelson, present

Mr. Fick was absent.

Ms. Kain was not present at the start of the meeting.

FORM A's:

Mark Reynolds from Kelly, Granger, Parsons and Associates, was present with a Form A application on behalf of Rufus and Jill Jones, for a parcel on Alford Road and Seekonk Road. Mr. Reynolds said Parcel A contains 1.6 acres. The parcel will be conveyed by the abutter Mr. Taylor to allow the existing parcel, containing 3.406 acres, to have a total of 5 acres. He said Parcel A is not to be considered a separate building lot. He said the remaining land of Taylor is over 9 acres and is zoning compliant.

Mr. Hankin made a motion to endorse the plan, Mr. Pachano seconded.

Roll call vote: Mr. Hankin, aye; Mr. Pachano, aye; Mr. Higa, aye; Ms. Nelson, aye

Mr. Reynolds presented a Form A application on behalf of Berkshire Natural Resource Council and the American Institute for Economic Research for parcels of land located on Spruce Drive. The property is jointly owned by BNRC and AIER. The Form A will split the property so that each entity will have sole ownership of the designated parcels.

Mr. Reynolds said AIER will get sole ownership of Lots 1 and 2. Lot 1 contains 12.537 acres of land. Lot 2 contains 7.001 acres of land. He said BNRC will get sole ownership of Lot 3 which contains 32.85 acres.

Mr. Hankin made a motion to endorse the plan, Mr. Higa seconded.

Roll call vote: Mr. Hankin, aye; Mr. Pachano, aye; Mr. Higa, aye; Ms. Nelson, aye

Ms. Kain arrived at 6:07 PM.

Mr. Hankin made a motion to authorize Mr. Rembold to sign the Form A mylars on the Board's behalf, Mr. Higa seconded.

Roll call vote: Mr. Hankin, aye; Mr. Pachano, aye; Mr. Higa, aye; Ms. Nelson, aye

MINUTES: MAY 25, 2023

Mr. Hankin made a motion to approve the minutes of May 25, 2023 as amended, Mr. Higa seconded.

Roll call vote: Mr. Hankin, aye; Mr. Pachano, aye; Mr. Higa, aye; Ms. Nelson, aye

CITIZEN'S SPEAK TIME:

Mr. Rufus Jones said he is the owner of 101 Alford Road. He said the property that was part of the Form A discussed was originally called Five Acres. He gave some history of the property saying it was originally purchased in 1926 by James Weldon Johnson who was a poet and writer. Mr. Johnson wrote on the property. He said the property was bequeathed to his wife in 2010. The property only had a little over 3 acres so adding the 1.6 acre parcel shown on the Form A plan will bring the property back to 5 acres. He said there is a cabin on the property. The intent was to protect the cabin. He invited the Board to take a tour of the property on June 17.

Ms. Nelson thanked Mr. Jones for sharing the history of the property.

Having concluded its business, Ms. Nelson adjourned without objection at 6:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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