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3 Committee: Planning Board
4 Date: December 9, 2020.
5 Time: 7:00 pm.
6 Location: Virtual Meeting via Zoom
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9 Members present: Harry LaCortiglia, Bruce Fried, George Comiskey, Joanne Laut.
10 Staff present: Town Planner, John Cashell; Admin Assistant, Andrea Thibault.
11 Bob Watts arrived 7:03pm.
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14 Minutes transcribed by A. Thibault. Note: Video recordings of all Georgetown Planning Board
15 meetings may be found at www.georgetownma.gov and by choosing the Community TV option.
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17 The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Harry LaCortiglia.
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20 **Minutes:**
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22 J. Laut: Motion to approve the meeting minutes for November 23, with corrections.
23 B. Fried: Second.
24 Motion carries 4-0-1 via roll call vote. 1 abstain B. Watts.
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26 **Vouchers:**
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28 J. Laut: Motion to approve the voucher for Town Planner reimbursement, for Zoom monthly service
29 charges June, July, August, October, November \$74.95.; and the voucher for H.L. Graham Associates,
30 for Technical Review for 494 North Street \$590.00; G. Mello \$1,795.00. as cited in our packets and on
31 this meeting's agenda.
32 B. Fried: Second.
33 Motion carries 5-0; via roll call vote.
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35 **Correspondence:**
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37 H. LaCortiglia: We have one correspondence related to the Mello project. It is an application that the
38 Board of Health has permit granting authority. They will be scheduling a public hearing. This is a
39 500-page Site Suitability Application. DEP has reviewed it, and now referred to the Georgetown
40 Board of Health.
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42 **Planning Office:**
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44 **Pingree Road:**
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Jon Eichman, Town Counsel: There haven't been any changes with the Court case since we last met. I received Larry Graham's engineering comments today.

J. Cashell: Both H.L. Graham and the applicant's project engineer Tony Capachetti have conflicts and are not here.

In attendance:

P. Ogren, applicant's engineer

J. Shoemer, applicant's attorney

D. Gallagher, applicant's attorney

Kendra Kinscherf: Attorney representing the State of MA

H. LaCortiglia: We had resolved width, surface of roadway. Larry was going to be getting together with Tony Capachetti and we were going to have a new version of the plan before us tonight. We don't have that revised plan yet.

P. Ogren: We didn't come to terms with stormwater management, drainage. If the Board would agree, we could sit down with Larry before the next meeting and come to agreement.

G. Comiskey: I made some observations on the site walk, erosion issues, cuts to the sides of the road. Will there be slopes, retaining walls? Where that water goes needs to be addressed. What kind of erosion issues is this going to cause? The revision should be seen on the plan---topography, runoff, compacted gravel vs. paved, gravel shoulders, width of roadway, stormwater management standards.

H. LaCortiglia: I would like to see the grades and drainage solved for next time.

J. Eichman: My suggestion would be for the applicant to put forward the plan they can with regard to stormwater and drainage. To the extent that they cannot come to an agreement, Larry should communicate to the Board the impact and fully explain to the Board where will the water go, flows in a 100-year storm.

Larry Graham (just arrived): Site distance, in my opinion is pretty treacherous, the section coming out of there and looking to the west. In this case, it means all obstructions are cleared, fencing and shrubbery removed. Must clear everything in the right of way to get all obstructions out of the right of way. This is really my bottom line.

J. Cashell: All public right of ways are under the jurisdiction of the Board of Selection.

J. Eichman: The roadway is the responsibility of the town. For the Board's consideration at this point regarding the site line it is important to distinguish in that report what will be done by the applicant and what the applicant will make the best effort with the town to work out.

G. Comiskey: It seems to me that the first step would be an in the field survey done to determine exactly where that line is. The landowner may want his own surveyor.

P. Ogren: I can stake it out. I agree we have no right to touch a fence on abuttor's property. I will make sure to submit 6 copies of the detailed worksheet.

{Planning Board, Town Planner, Town Counsel and applicant's representatives discuss safety; site view; county right of way; agree for Hayes Engineering to stake out along right of way line even 15-20-25 feet; advise homeowner in case they want their own surveyor; agreement to follow Larry Graham's plan.}

J. Eichman: There is a legal process for removing an obstruction in a public right of way.

J. Cashell: We must be as sensitive as we can with the abutters. We are creating an intersection at that location. Realistic alterations are going to have to be made. For safety reasons, it is a very serious matter at this dangerous intersection.

G. Comiskey: I move to continue this meeting until February 10, 2021.

J. Laut: Second.

Motion carries 5-0; via roll call vote.

196 W. Main Street.

J. Cashell: This is a lot release from the Covenant and the establishment of a surety.

{Planning Board, Town Planner and applicant discuss buffering, vegetation, surety amount.}

B. Watts: Motion to release the covenant and establish a surety in the amount of \$35,500.

J. Laut: Second.

Motion carries 4-0-1 via roll call vote. 1 abstain G. Comiskey.

198 E. Main Street: As-built plan review.

{Planning Board, Town Planner and applicant discuss Conservation Commission easement; emergency access to E. Main St. Rec Park.}

J. Laut: Motion to approve from the report the OSRD Subdivision Plan.

B. Fried: Second.

Motion carries 4-0-1 via roll call vote. 1 abstain G. Comiskey.

Mello Correspondence:

J. Cashell: This was a notice to the Planning Board that the Board of Health has been asked to hold public hearings per the MA DEP. At the Board of Health public hearings, everyone should be able to provide their comments.

Stormwater Management:

G. Comiskey: Watershed management- there will be changes to the year 3 reporting for MS4. We are operating below the EPA standards. We should at least strive for the higher standards that reflect climate change and protect our watershed.

J. Cashell: The town is contracting with MVPC, so the stormwater committee can receive professional outside assistance.

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143 B. Fried: Motion to adjourn.
144 G. Comiskey: Second.
145 Motion carries 5-0; via roll call vote.
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147 The meeting was adjourned at 9:09pm.