

PLANNING BOARD, MARCH 23, 210

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Raymond Gingras called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Gingras, Vice Chairman Sandra Venner, Members Ronald Barnes and Dennis Brodie in attendance, Member John Thomas arrived at 7:53 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion: To approve the minutes of March 3rd with the following amendment: under **OLD BUISINESS** item A the next to last sentence to change the beginning of the sentence from “He was advised” to now read, “Dr St. Germain was advised”. **Vote: 3 Yes/ 0 No/ 1 Abstain. Motion approved.**

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Town Meeting Articles: The chairman shared a communication he had submitted to the Board of Selectmen requesting an article for the Special Town Meeting regarding payment in the amount of \$3,500.00 to cover outstanding warrants from Cammett Engineering. These invoices cover engineering work at the Merrimac Commons Project. Also requested was an article for the Annual Town Meeting to set up a Planning Board Revolving Fund, this money, up to \$500.00 per year, would be used strictly for the reprinting and maintenance of the Zoning By-law and Subdivision Rules & Regulations Booklets. The clerk will rephrase the revolving fund article to more closely reflect the standard language for such an article and transmit to the BOS and Finance Director.

PUBLIC HEARING

Motion: To open the Public Hearing at 7:52 PM for the proposed amendments to the Earth Removal By-law warranted for the Annual Town Meeting; legal advertising and all notifications have been done according to statute. **Vote: 4 Yes /0 No. Motion approved.**

There being no public comment and no further board comment; the following motion was made: **Motion:** To close the Public Hearing for amendments to the Earth Removal By-law at 7:53 PM. **Vote 4 yes/ 0 No. Motion approved.**

B. Transportation Report: Member Thomas reported on the current status of MA. Transportation projects as discussed at the last MVPO meeting. It may be possible for the Merrimac Square Project to be moved forward as an alternative to a project scheduled for Rte. 125 which has stalled. The town must be ready to take advantage of this opening if it becomes available. He also reported that the \$2,000.00 statement received from MVPC is our annual assessment from the Regional Planning Commission.

C. Affordable Housing Trust: Vice Chairman Venner reminded the board that the public meeting for input on the Housing Production Plan will be held on April 8th at 7:30 PM at the Library, our consultants from MVPC will at the meeting to answer questions and present ideas to meet affordable housing goals for the town. The clerk will send additional reminders to boards and committees.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Warrants: Motion: To approve a payroll warrant in the amount of \$200.25 for Clerk Patricia True. **Vote 5 Yes / 0 No. Motion approved.**

ADJOURNMENT: 8:20 pm