

TOWN OF PORTLAND PLANNING BOARD REGULAR MEETING - JANUARY 24, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Harold Smith, Chairman, Daniel Thompson, Co-Chairman, Robert Patterson, Thomas Vitale

OTHERS PRESENT: Susan Hindman (took minutes for Carol Horlacher who was absent)

OTHERS ABSENT: Signe Rominger, Code Enforcement Officer, Carol Horlacher, Secretary

Harold Smith, Chairman brought the meeting to order at 6:30PM. Attendance was taken with all members present. The meeting agenda was approved with a motion made by Thomas Vitale and seconded by Daniel Thompson.

Harold Smith - Aye

Daniel Thompson - Aye

Robert Patterson - Aye

Thomas Vitale - Aye

Aye 4, Nay 0, Carried

A motion was made by Bob Patterson and seconded by Thomas Vitale to accept the minutes from the November 22, 2016 Planning Board Meeting.

Harold Smith - Aye

Daniel Thompson - Aye

Robert Patterson - Aye

Thomas Vitale - Aye

Aye 4, Nay 0, Carried

The Town of Portland Code Enforcement Report for November, 2016 was distributed to each member with no comments made.

OLD BUSINESS:

Court Cases Pending:

An update on the Piesnak, Stalter and Bigelow cases were outlined in the agenda given to each board member. Signe Rominger, Code Officer and Carol Horlacher, Clerk were not

present to elaborate any further. Board members were told to contact the Code Enforcement Office with any further questions.

Berry - Land Bank Deal:

The Planning Board was advised that this matter is now closed as the house has been demolished and removed.

Solar Law:

Changes/recommendations for the “small and large scale Laws” as proposed in the previous meeting were completed by Dan Thompson and distributed to each member. Small scale changes were discussed at length and all agreed to review these changes again at the next meeting. Large systems were covered line by line and it was the board’s opinion that they needed additional time to come up with other suggestions for these systems. A motion was made by Thomas Vitale and seconded by Dan Thompson to table further discussion on the large scale solar systems until the February 28, 2017 Planning Board Meeting. The Town Attorney is also in the process of making changes and reformatting into the standard form for local laws and will be available and ready to discuss at the next meeting.

Harold Smith - Aye

Daniel Thompson - Aye

Robert Patterson - Aye

Thomas Vitale - Aye

Aye 4, Nay 0, Carried

Commercial Solar Farms:

A copy of the 6 -month Moratorium on installation of all solar systems (commercial and private) was adopted by the Town Board on 12/14/16. Copies were distributed to each Planning Board member. It was reiterated by Harold Smith, Chairman that this Moratorium was necessary due to increased interest in these systems and the fact that the Town did not have enough information compiled.

Planning Board Appointments:

A letter was sent by an interested candidate and distributed to the board for their review and recommendation. After a short discussion, a motion was made by Robert Patterson and seconded

by Daniel Thompson to forward a request to the Town Board asking for a postponement of 60 days allowing potential candidates from the Greencrest/Van Buren Point to apply. This will be completed by Carol Horlacher.

Harold Smith - Aye

Daniel Thompson - Aye

Robert Patterson - Aye

Thomas Vitale - Aye Aye 4, Nay 0, Carried

A motion was made by Thomas Vitale and seconded by Robert Patterson to adjourn the meeting.

Harold Smith- Aye

Daniel Thompson - Aye

Robert Patterson - Aye

Thomas Vitale - Aye

Aye 4, Nay 0, Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Hindman

Acting Secretary in absence of Carol Horlacher