

Town of Chatham Planning Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday January 12 2021

Members Present	Public in Attendance
Jonathan Catlett	Lori Groudas
Evan Young	Vance Pitkin
Frank Haimbach	Leona Scarpinato
Angus Eaton	Edward Michitsch
Cindy Myers	Elisabeth
Daven Everett	Sarah Ward
Tal Rappleyea(Atty)	Joshua Jelly-Shapiro
	Chris Kelly

The January 12th, 2021 Planning board meeting was called to order at 7pm by Vice-chairperson Angus Eaton via google meeting.

Minutes

Review of the minutes from the December meeting. Mr Eaton and Mr Young ask that their changes are reflected in the minutes.

Motion to approve the minutes with the changes made by Mr Young. Seconded by Mr Haimbach. All vote Aye. Motion passes.

Communications:

Ken Blass asked that he be removed for the agenda and that he will be ready for the February meeting.

Applicant Sarah Ward, Minor Subdivision/Lot line Adjustment, 490 Shaker Museum Road

Chairperson Eaton Asks that we open the public hearing at 7:08pm.

No Comments from the public

Public hearing is closed at 7:09

Mr Haimbach makes a motion to approve the application. Seconded by Ms.Myers. All vote Aye, Motion carries.

Mr. Eaton discusses with Ms Sarah Ward how to get signatures this Thursday

Jeanette Neff, Minor Subdivision, 30 Cotter Road

Review SEQRA Parts 2 & 3

Mr. Eaton Recommends that all considerations are either moderate or low Impact It is discussed that the area is in the habitat of the Long Eared bat. There is also a wetland across rt 295 that should not be affected by this subdivision.

Mr. Young makes a motion to file a negative declaration for this project. The motion is seconded by Mr. Haimbach. All vote Aye. Motion passes

The planning board has not received notice from the Highway dept on the driveway cuts for lots 1 & 2 as of yet.

Ms. Myers makes motion to make the application complete. Mr Everett seconds the motion. All vote Aye. Motion Passes.

Mr. Eaton opens the public hearing at 7:18pm

The planning board discusses that it has come to our attention that the letters to the neighbors were not sent certified mail as it is a custom for files in front of the planning board. The letters were sent regular mail per the applicant but just were not sent certified as Mr. Jelly-Shapiro had misunderstood that this was required.

After discussion the planning board decides to continue the public hearing and not close the hearing at the end of the meeting. The letters will be resent certified mail and the public hearing will continue to the February 9 meeting.

Member of the public Chris Kelly wants to know the process that the application goes through in deciding the subdivision will be approved.

Member of the public Edward Mitchitsch wants to know if this subdivision is related to Plot 48 & 49. He wanted to know where the access of the two lots would be coming out. It is discussed that one would come out on Hansen road and that one of the parcels would come out on Decker road.

Member of the public Elisabeth wants to know if Hansen Road is a public or private road. It is discussed that it is currently a public road

Member of the public Leona wants clarification on whether this is a subdivision. She wants to know why either of the lots have to come out on Decker Road. She states that she has concerns about flooding with the clearing of the land above her lot. It is discussed that lot 2 only has access to Decker Road. Mr. Jelly- Shapiro states that currently there are only plans for building on lot 1.

Member of the public Lori Grodas wants to know where she can get copies of the map and review the scope of the project.

Mr Eaton closes the public hearing at 7:47(to be continued at the February meeting)

Mr Everett Makes motion to end the meeting. Ms. Myers seconds the motion. All vote Aye. Motion passes.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50pm