

Town of Leicester Planning Board

Meeting Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jason Grimshaw, Chair; Debra Friedman, Sharon Nist, Andrew Kularski

ASSOCIATE MEMBER: Robyn Zwicker

MEMBERS ABSENT: Alaa AbuSalah

IN ATTENDANCE: Michelle Buck, Town Planner; Barbara Knox, Board Secretary

MEETING DATE: **April 10, 2018**

MEETING TIME: 7:00PM

AGENDA:

- 7:00PM General Discussion
 Backyard Poultry Committee, Applicant Interviews:
- Michael Cole
 - Joseph Richardson
 - Eric Ryan
 - Suzanne Sears
- 7:45PM Public Hearing, Major Site Plan Review:
 515 Henshaw Street Solar Farm/SPR2018-01 (Applicant: Borrego Solar)
- 7:45PM Public Hearing, Zoning Bylaw Amendments (continued):
 Marijuana Establishments
- 8:30PM Approval of Minutes:
- March 6, 2018
- 8:45PM Town Planner Report/General Discussion:
- A. Miscellaneous Project Updates
 - B. Potential Future Zoning Bylaw Amendments
 - C. May meeting dates
 - D. Board Member Committee Updates

Mr. Grimshaw called the meeting to order at 7:00PM

Ms. Buck explained the April 3rd meeting was not properly posted and the Board needs to reconvene the agenda and redo the motions and votes taken. General notes from that meeting were distributed to the Board, highlighting items and motions taken.

General Discussion

Backyard Poultry Committee, Applicant Interviews:

Four candidates interviewed for the Committee: Michael Cole, Joseph Richardson, Eric Ryan and Suzanne Sears.

Public Hearing, Major Site Plan Review

515 Henshaw Street Solar Farm/SPR2018-01 (Applicant: Borrego Solar)

The system proposed is 1.3 megawatt that's on 34 acres. The applicant needs more time to respond to Town Departments comments and modify the project to qualify for an agricultural incentive program. The applicant requested a 2 month continuance.

MOTION: Ms. Friedman moved to continue the public hearing for 515 Henshaw Street Solar Farm to June 5, 2018 at 7:30PM.

SECONDED: Ms. Nist – Discussion: None – VOTE: All in Favor

Public Hearing, Zoning Bylaw Amendments (continued)

Marijuana Establishment

The only changes to the draft were changes recommended by Town Counsel. The changes were within the definitions to make them consistent with State Regulations. The Board then discussed retail limitation issue and after discussion, agreed to limit it to 1 establishment. However, the Planning Board would be willing to look at increasing that number in the future in order to bring in more business, if needed.

MOTION: Ms. Friedman moved to recommend approval at Town Meeting, accepting the changes as highlight in the draft Zoning Bylaw Amendments, Marijuana Establishments, dated 3/15/2018 and to keep the wording of the original draft on the limitations, to one (1) establishment

SECONDED: Ms. Nist – Discussion: None – VOTE: All in Favor

MOTION: Ms. Friedman moved to close the public hearing on the Zoning Bylaw Amendments

SECONDED: Ms. Nist – Discussion: None – VOTE: All in Favor

Approval of Minutes

March 6, 2018

MOTION: Ms. Nist moved to approve the minutes of March 6, 2018

SECONDED: Mr. Kularski – Discussion: None – VOTE: All in Favor

Discussion:

Backyard Poultry Committee

After review and discussion of the candidates interview, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Kularski moved to appoint Joseph Richardson and Eric Ryan for the Backyard Poultry Committee.

SECONDED: Ms. Nist – Discussion: Ms. Nist recommended, if someone should resign, to appoint Michael Cole.

Ms. Friedman suggested extending an invitation to those who have not been asked to sit on the Committee, to attend meetings as a member of the community, if they had an interest.

VOTE: All in Favor

Hearing no further questions or comments, Mr. Grimshaw asked for a motion to adjourn

MOTION: Ms. Nist moved to adjourn meeting

SECONDED: Ms. Friedman – Discussion: None – VOTE: All in Favor

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SECONDED: Ms. Nist – Discussion: None – VOTE: All in Favor

Meeting adjourned at 7:05PM

Respectfully submitted:

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