

SAFETY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 12, 2019
Ludlow Town Hall, Hearing Room #2

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5:00 P.M. – CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Members present: Brian Shameklis, Penny Lebel, Seth Falconer, Derek Smolinski, Ryan Churchill, Alex Simao, Barry Linton arrived at 5:20 pm.

Absent: Justin Larivee, Jeff Lavoie, Chris Coelho

DISCUSSION:

1. Revised Site Plan & Special Permit for 471-485 Center Street, Ludlow Center LLC

The Committee discussed the area where the driveway will be entering and exiting on Center Street near the old Friendly's building. The Committee voted to suggest sharper right turn exit only, no entrance and remove a few parking spaces for emergency vehicles outside of the proposed medical building. Motion – Derek Smolinski, seconded by Alex Simao, vote 6-0 all in favor.

2. Revised Site Plan & Special Permit for 484-488 Center Street, Inspired by Opportunity LLC (Wendy's Restaurant)

Ms. Lebel stated that there will be no entrances/exits onto Stivens Terrace. The Committee voted to provide no comments. Motion – Penny Lebel, seconded by Alex Simao, vote 7-0 all in favor.

3. Responses from the East Street Corridor Survey

Mr. Simao stated that he spoke with several people when handing out the surveys and many have stated they have issues with speeding and the lack of parking in this area. Sgt. Shamekelis stated that we have received 240+ responses.

4. Colvest/Wilbraham, 456 Center Street – change in foundation plans for new bank

Ms. Lebel stated the proposed foundation on this property will be reduced from 4800 sq. ft. to 1500 sq. ft. and that its proposed use will be a bank. The Committee discussed the entrance and exit for this parcel. This plan will be coming before the Committee for formal comment in the near future.

5. Stalker Radar – electronic traffic control equipment

Ms. Lebel presented information from a company that sells electronic traffic signs for informational purposes only.

CORRESPONDENCE:

19-44 Planning Board – Legal Notice – Special Permit - Russell Kelly/Liza-Anne Raymond, 21 Mineral Spring Avenue for transfer of ownership of existing Accessory Apartment – COMMENTS NEEDED
Motion to file, no comments – Penny Lebel
Second – Derek Smolinski
Vote - 7-0 all in favor

19-45 Planning Board - Notice of Decision – Special Permit/Home Occupation for Beth Evon, 167 Parker Lane for a home office - baking business (The Batch)
Motion to file – Penny Lebel
Second – Derek Smolinski
Vote – 7-0 all in favor

19-46 Planning Board – Notice of Decision – Special Permit/Home Occupation for Steven A. Monteiro, 60 Bluegrass Lane for a home office – property management business (Monteiro Properties/Monteiro Home Improvement)
Motion to file – Penny Lebel
Second – Derek Smolinski
Vote – 7-0 all in favor

19-47 Planning Board – Notice of Decision – Special Permit/Home Occupation for Gary Manuel, 217 Church Street for a home office – home remodeling business (Gary Manuel General Contracting)
Motion to file – Penny Lebel
Second – Derek Smolinski
Vote – 7-0 all in favor

19-48 Planning Board – Notice of Decision – Special Permit/Home Occupation for Sarah M. Pascale, 52 Skyridge Street for a home office – law office (Law Offices of Sarah M. Pascale)
Motion to file – Penny Lebel
Second – Derek Smolinski
Vote – 7-0 all in favor

19-49 Planning Board - approval of Change of Occupancy/DBA Application – The Nunes Companies, Inc., 201 West Avenue

Ms. Lebel stated that the Police Dept. has received complaints about this property. Dumpsters are being brought in and out on Dover Street and Barre Drive. He is supposed to be using the 201 West Avenue entrance but he is not.

Motion to file with comments – Penny Lebel
Second – Derek Smolinski
Vote – 7-0 all in favor

19-50 Planning Board – approval of Change of Occupancy/DBA Application – Hang Wu, Chin’s Kitchen, 12 Lakeview Drive
Motion to file – Penny Lebel
Second – Derek Smolinski
Vote – 7-0 all in favor

- 19-51 Planning Board – approval of Change of Occupancy/DBA Application – Gary Scagliarini, 733 Chapin Street, Suite 203
 Motion to file – Penny Lebel
 Second – Derek Smolinski
 Vote – 7-0 all in favor
- 19-52 Planning Board – approval of Change of Occupancy/DBA Application – Erin Roch, 326 West Avenue
 Motion to file – Penny Lebel
 Second – Derek Smolinski
 Vote – 7-0 all in favor
- 19-53 Planning Board – approval of Change of Occupancy/DBA Application – Todd Hanks, 136 Carmelina’s Circle
 Motion to file – Penny Lebel
 Second – Derek Smolinski
 Vote – 7-0 all in favor
- 19-54 Planning Board – approval of Change of Occupancy/DBA Application – Michelle Vargas, 114 Sewall Street
 Motion to file – Penny Lebel
 Second – Derek Smolinski
 Vote – 7-0 all in favor
- 19-55 Planning Board – approval of Change of Occupancy/DBA Application – John & Natalie Gil, 148 Amherst Street
 Motion to file – Penny Lebel
 Second – Derek Smolinski
 Vote – 7-0 all in favor
- 19-56 Planning Board – approval of a waiver request and approval of the site plan for 0 Lower Whitney Street, VDS Properties, LLC
 Motion to file – Penny Lebel
 Second – Derek Smolinski
 Vote – 7-0 all in favor
- 19-57 Planning Board – approval of a waiver request and the site plan for 498/504 Fuller Street, Huxley Solar LLC
 Motion to file – Penny Lebel
 Second – Derek Smolinski
 Vote – 7-0 all in favor
- 19-58 Planning Board – approval of a site sketch for 533 Center Street, Legacy Fire Protection, Inc.
 Motion to file – Penny Lebel
 Second – Derek Smolinski
 Vote – 7-0 all in favor

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- 19-59 Planning Board – approval of the site sketch for 345 West Street, Robert’s Auto Body Sales, Inc.
 Motion to file – Penny Lebel
 Second – Derek Smolinski
 Vote – 7-0 all in favor
- 19-60 Planning Board – approval of the site plan for 0 West Street & 62 Nash Hill Road, Kearsarge Solar LLC
 Motion to file – Penny Lebel
 Second – Derek Smolinski
 Vote – 7-0 all in favor
- 19-61 Planning Board – legal notice – Special Permit/Home Occupation for Gary Manuel, 217 Church Street for a home office - home remodeling business
 Motion to file – Penny Lebel
 Second – Derek Smolinski
 Vote – 7-0 all in favor
- 19-62 Planning Board – legal notice – Special Permit/Home Occupation for Sarah M. Pascale, 52 Skyridge Street for a home office - law office
 Motion to file – Penny Lebel
 Second – Derek Smolinski
 Vote – 7-0 all in favor
- 19-63 Dept. of Public Works – violation of Town of Ludlow Zoning Bylaws, Section 3.0.4 a at 121 Blanchard Avenue
- Ms. Lebel stated that the Dept. of Public Works sent a letter to this property owner in regards to shrubbery planted there, the property owner since removed the shrubs and put up a fence and now the Building Commissioner has issued a violation letter for the location of the fence.
- Motion to file – Penny Lebel
 Second – Derek Smolinski
 Vote – 7-0 all in favor
- 19-64 Board of Selectmen – Special Town Meeting, October 7, 2019
 Motion to file – Penny Lebel
 Second – Derek Smolinski
 Vote – 7-0 all in favor
- 19-65 Board of Selectmen – Use of Town Hall Conference Rooms
 Motion to file – Penny Lebel
 Second – Derek Smolinski
 Vote – 7-0 all in favor
- 19-66 Board of Selectmen – FESTA 2019
 Ms. Lebel stated that she spoke with the Town Administrator regarding requirements for FESTA.
 Motion to file – Penny Lebel
 Second – Derek Smolinski

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- 19-67 Email from John Evon & Selectmen Bill Rosenblum – request for a speed bump on Parker Lane

Sgt. Shameklis stated that there are no speed bumps on public ways. Mr. Smolinski stated there is a speed limit sign already there. There is currently construction going on for new homes in the new subdivision so there is a lot of additional traffic on the street. Police Dept. is patrolling the area where the stop sign is. Sgt. Shameklis stated that a mobile electronic speed limit sign can be placed there to collect the speed data. A letter will be sent to explain that the Town doesn't put speed bumps on public ways and that a mobile sign will be installed in the future.

Motion to send letter to John Evon and Selectmen Bill Rosenblum – Penny Lebel

Second – Derek Smolinski

Vote – 7-0 all in favor

- 19-68 Email from Ellie Villano, Town Administrator – damage to the street light in the vicinity of 171/181 Cislak Drive

Apparently Eversource is refusing to fix and maintain the light due to it being damaged repeatedly. The Committee feels that this light needs to be in that location and that Eversource should maintain it.

Motion to support the need for continued maintenance of the street light – Penny Lebel

Second – Alex Simao

Vote – 7-0 all in favor

- 19-69 Email from Elizabeth Rodriguez – request for a street light on Arch Street

Motion to recommend a street light be placed on pole #4S on Arch Street – Alex Simao

Second – Ryan Churchill

Vote – 7-0 all in favor

- 19-70 Email from the Police Department – overgrowth of weeds and shrubs at the Police Department

Motion to recommend the weeds and shrubs be removed – Alex Simao

Second – Derek Smolinski

Vote – 7-0 all in favor

- 19-71a & 19-71b Emails from two citizens on Clover Road – request for a stop sign at the intersection of Hunter Road & Clover Road

The Committee does not feel a stop sign should be located at this intersection since there has only been one accident at this location in five years and that a stop sign will not deter speeding in this area.

Motion to not recommend a stop sign at the intersection of Hunter Road & Clover Road – Derek Smolinski

Second – Penny Lebel

Vote – 7-0 all in favor

- 19-72 Planning Board – Legal Notice – Special Permit/Accessory Apartment – Pablo & Dana Madera, 356 Ventura Street for addition of a 540 sq. ft. accessory apartment – COMMENTS NEEDED

Motion to file, no comments – Penny Lebel
Second – Derek Smolinski
Vote - 7-0 all in favor

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19-73 Board of Selectmen – Crosswalk relocation on East Street as requested by the Safety Committee

Ms. Lebel will send an amended picture showing the correct location of the crosswalk.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Committee approved and signed the minutes from June 13, 2019

Motion to sign - Penny Lebel
Second - Derek Smolinski
Vote - 7-0 all in favor

Mr. Churchill asked the status of the line painting in front of the Police Department. The Board of Selectmen have approved painting of lines to prevent blockage of the driveway entrances back in the spring. The Department of Public Works has been notified that it needs to be done. Mr. Smolinski and Mr. Churchill also stated that a lot of the line painting and crosswalk painting around Town needs to be redone. Mr. Linton stated that he and Mr. Simao will bring it to the attention of Ken Batista.

Ms. Lebel left the meeting at 6:25 pm.

Mr. Churchill stated that Center Street in front of Europa would be a great spot for a mobile electronic speed limit sign. Sgt. Shameklis stated it is on the list of locations.

Mr. Smolinski stated that he would like something reflective be placed on the guardrail on the curve on West Avenue, it is very dark at that location at night.

Mr. Simao asked about the status of meeting with Eversource regarding street lights. Mr. Churchill stated he spoke with Joe Mitchell at Eversource and Mr. Mitchell stated that the Safety Committee should not be tasked with recommending street lights. He stated that Eversource needs to meet with Town Administration which would be the Board of Selectmen. There are grants available and companies willing to change the lights to LED. This topic was tabled until the next meeting for further discussion.

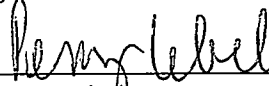
The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.
Motion to adjourn - Alex Simao
Second - Seth Falconer
6-0 favor

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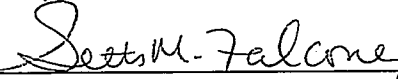
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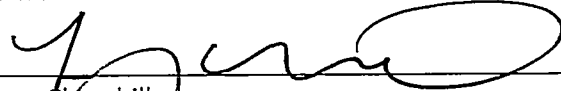
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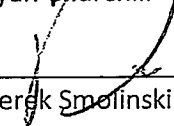
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