

HINGHAM PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

March 6, 2023 @ 7:00 PM

REMOTE MEETING

Planning Board Members Present Remotely: Gordon Carr, Kevin Ellis, Judith Sneath, Gary Tondorf-Dick; Rita DaSilva

Also Present: Emily Wentworth, Community Planning Director; Michael Silveira, Senior Planner

Members Absent: None

At 7:01 PM Chair Sneath called the Planning Board meeting to order and stated the following:

“This meeting is being held remotely as an alternate means of public access pursuant to Chapter 107 of the Acts of 2022 and all other laws, temporarily amending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law. You are hereby advised that this meeting and all communications during this meeting may be recorded by the Town of Hingham in accordance with the Open Meeting Law. If any participant wishes to record this meeting, please notify the chair at the start of the meeting in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, § 20(f) so that the chair may inform all other participants of said recording.”

Hearing(s)

Accessory Dwelling Units Zoning Article

Chair Sneath turned it over to Kevin Ellis, who chaired this article. Mr. Ellis reopened the hearing on the article and noted that the only remaining discussion on the article was related to the change in the definition of family.

Member Ellis reviewed the definition as circulated to the Board prior to the hearing.

Member Tondorf-Dick asked a clarifying question about some of the language and was satisfied with the definition.

Member DaSilva asked a clarifying question about the proposed 6 month rental term in the article.

Member Carr noted including a reference to the Master Plan at the beginning of this Article. The Board discussed whether or not this would make sense to include this.

Member Carr withdrew his recommendation and discussion ended on this topic.

Ms. Wentworth clarified the remaining proposed changes to some of the language.

Member Tondorf-Dick asked for clarification on the proposed waiver process of the Zoning Board of Appeals for certain aspects of the Article.

Board members noted understanding and satisfaction with Ms. Wentworth's explanation of the changes.

There was further discussion about the annual certification process in the existing By-Law and what happens when the ADU is no longer used.

Member Ellis asked if there was any public comment.

Mr. Clark Frazier, at 50 Bonnie Brier Circle, asked about what the enforcement is for existing illegal ADUs.

Ms. Wentworth responded noted that someone is required to obtain a special permit in order to create a new ADU and to contact the Planning Office with any additional questions or concerns.

Kevin Ellis moved to recommend adoption of the Accessory Dwelling Units Article in the form as revised by the Planning Board at the public hearing this evening.

Second: Gary Tondorf-Dick

In Favor: Gordon Carr, Kevin Ellis, Rita DaSilva, Gary Tondorf-Dick

Opposed: Judith Sneath

The Board discussed scheduling over the coming weeks.

Chair Sneath MOVED to adjourn at 7:40 PM

Second: Kevin Ellis

In Favor: Gordon Carr, Kevin Ellis, Rita DaSilva, Judith Sneath, Gary Tondorf-Dick

Opposed: None

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Silveira
Senior Planner

Meeting Materials:

Draft ADU By Law Amendment w Family Restriction Red Lined 3.3.23