**Planning Board – Public Hearing Continued**

**June 11, 2019 \* 6:30 PM**

**Minutes**

Planning Board members present: Pat Coffey, Wade Clement, Susan Bronstein

 Saxon Elliott

4 Westhampton residents were present

* The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM. A lengthy discussion ensued about the organization of the Planning Board and who would be Chair. Susan eventually accepted the nomination and was voted chair with the stipulation that the Board would behave as a team.
* Wade moved to accept the minutes from 5/28/2019, Pat seconded, and the minutes were accepted unanimously.
* Susan announced that this was a continuation of the Public Hearing regarding the request for a special Permit and Site Plan Review for Westhampton Hathaway Solar 1, LLC located at 0 Hathaway Road, Assessor Map 1, Parcel 5. She read the Special permit posting.
* Through conversation with Counsel at the May 28, 2019 Public Hearing it was suggested that a member of the Board contact the applicant and encourage them to withdraw without prejudice until their new plans are ready to present to the Planning Board. It was voted that Susan make the call following the meeting and she did.
* A letter was again sent today via email at 3:30 PM requesting another continuation. Susan reported that she had also received an email from the applicant’s representative, David Mackwell, that the applicant prefers not to withdraw at this point.
* The Hearing was open to discussion about the project; however, the focus became the third late request for a continuation. It was voted to close the public discussion and Susan made a motion, seconded by Wade vote to deny the continuation. It passed unanimously and the reasons for the denial were discussed:
	+ The initial request for a continuance on 5/14/2019, received the day of the posted public hearing, cited the delay in receiving information due to a change in their project personnel. The continuance was granted, and a public hearing was posted for 5/28/2019.
	+ Another request for a continuance was received, again several hours prior to the posted hearing. The continuance was granted, and a public hearing was posted for 6/11/2019.
	+ Once again, the applicant did not appear and a request for a continuance was received mid-afternoon of 6/11/2019.
* Wade made a motion to request that Council be involved in drafting the denial; Pat seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
* Pat made a motion to table all further discussion regarding the denial until consultation with Counsel; Wade seconded, and it passed unanimously.
* Linda Webster appeared before the Board seeking approval of a site plan for the building of a house; she will return at the next scheduled meeting with the original site plan.
* Given that the Planning Board did not have its full membership Susan moved and Wade seconded the decision to table the nomination of a Planning Board member to the Zoning Bylaw Review Committee until the Board is complete.
* The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Bronstein

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