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**Tuesday, August 11, 2020 @ 6:00 PM
MINUTES**

PRESENT:

Sandra Williams, Chairman
Paul Rotondo
Greg Agnew
George Berg (absent)

ALSO PRESENT:

Eric Schneider, Principal Planner
Robert Luongo, Planning Director

Chair Williams called the meeting to order at 6:20 PM.

Mr. Schneider stated that the purpose of the meeting was to provide the board with an update on the ongoing Jackson Square Land Use Study.

Mr. Schneider informed the Board that Harriman (consultant) had created a virtual walking tour of Jackson Square to illicit public input as no in person meetings were being allowed.

Residents could take the tour online at their convenience and provide feedback via a Survey Monkey poll.

Mr. Schneider stated that the Planning Board would play a role in interpreting the public response and helping staff to formulate action items.

Mr. Luongo Pointed out that the Planning Board would also play a significant role in crafting specific zoning changes based on the study findings. Any zoning change would go through the normal process of a joint public hearing with Town Council.

Mr. Schneider informed the Board that properties in Jackson Square were rapidly changing hands and that real opportunity existed to redevelop key properties.

Mr. Rotondo asked if "village" zoning was currently in place in Jackson Square. Mr. Schneider stated the Village Center zoning in place in Weymouth Landing was not in place in Jackson Square. Something like that was in mind for Jackson Square.

Mr. Schneider discussed opportunities to reactivate many of the existing assets of Jackson Square and the success of Lovell Field. Also opportunities to complete additional portions of the existing Back River Trail.

Mr. Rotondo asked staff for a copy of the presentation that had been given by Matt Talon on enhancing and adding to the Town's trail system. Mr. Schneider agreed and also said that a consultant, KZLA, had just completed an additional study on the topic.

Mr. Agnew discussed the success he witnessed with a façade improvement program in Dedham, MA. He said he would send out more information to the board.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Planning Board will be held on November 9, 2020. This will be joint with Town Council.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Agnew made a MOTION to ADJOURN at 6:45 PM. Mr. Rotondo SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Schneider
Principal Planner

Approve

Sandra M. Williams, Chairman
Sandra Williams, Chairman

Dated:

March 3, 2021