

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Economic Development Committee
VIA ZOOM 869 3012 4624
June 23, 2021

Present: Ed Harrington, Chairman
Kenneth DiFazio, Councilor
Fred Happel, Councilor
Rebecca Haugh, Councilor

Not Present: Christopher Heffernan, Vice Chairman

Also Present: Andrew Hultin, Assistant Conservation Administrator
MaryEllen Schloss, Conservation Administrator

Recording Secretary: Diane Hachey

Chairman Harrington called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and asked for a roll call vote. Diane Hachey took a roll call vote with all members present, except Councilor Heffernan.

21 095-Approval of a Conservation Restriction on Three Parcels of Land Located on Burkhall Street

MaryEllen Schloss thanked the committee for taking this up before the end of the fiscal year. Andrew Hultin explained that this is seeking approval for a conservation restriction associated with the Arbor Hill Development, which is complete. The development is approved and they have a partial certificate of compliance but are waiting for the monitoring period to end. This is nineteen acres of property and abuts a bird sanctuary that the town of Weymouth has done work to in order to obtain access.

MaryEllen Schloss further explained that the conservation restriction is required for permanent preservation and it was a requirement as part of the order of conditions. The remaining parcels provide a wooded buffer between a residential development on lower Burkhall and the large multi family (Arbor Hill) which was a requirement of the Zoning Board of Appeals special permit issuance.

She is finally attempting to get this recorded and the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs then needs to sign off. The sign off is complete as far as local approvals and the Conservation Commission. The Town Council is the next step in the process, followed by the Mayor's approval. MaryEllen requests the Council's approval as this project is favored by the local community and is 19 acres of valuable land which provides accessibility to the public for passive recreation. This project has been in the works for ten years and she would like to see it get recorded.

Councilor Haugh motioned for favorable action on measure 21 095-Approval of a Conservation Restriction on Three Parcels of Land Located on Burkhall Street. Motion seconded by Councilor DiFazio.

Diane Hachey took a roll call vote as follows:

Councilor Haugh-yes, Councilor Happel-yes, Councilor DiFazio-yes, and Councilor Harrington-yes-UNANMOUSLY VOTED.

At 6:41 PM, with no further business to attend to, Councilor Haugh motioned to adjourn, motion seconded by Councilor DiFazio.

Diane Hachey took a roll call vote as follows:

Councilor Haugh-yes, Councilor Happel-yes, Councilor DiFazio-yes, and Councilor Harrington-yes-UNANMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully Submitted by Diane Hachey as Recording Secretary

Approved by Ed Harrington as Chairman of the Economic Development Committee

Voted unanimously on 30 August 2021

