

STRATFORD PLANNING BOARD

2020-12-15: Business Meeting Minutes

1. MEMBERS PRESENT: Rachel O'Meara, Bruce Blodgett, Clayton Macdonald, Denis Corbeil, Vicki DeLalla
2. PUBLIC PRESENT: Steve LaFrance
3. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 18:30
4. Rachel announced additions to the agenda, under old business: discussion of warrant articles and Board budget for 2021
5. Steve submitted the application for the Vasilios Haseotes subdivision of Map 232, Lot 27. Discussion and process explanations followed and Steve answered Board questions. Concern about whether the application was complete was expressed.
6. Rachel presented a draft proposal for a warrant article giving the Board authority to perform site plan reviews and establish site plan standards. Discussion of the text and process followed. The issue of a warrant article to authorize land use/building permits was also raised. The real potential for a negative impact on business investment in the Town due to gradually increasing regulation was considered. Adherence to the existing Master Plan and to the draft update, both of which hold business and job development to be important objectives, was also discussed. The discussion noted the increases in paperwork and cost both to property owners and to the Town such ordinances would entail.
7. The importance of board members maintaining a professional demeanor during board meetings was discussed.
8. The Board's proposed budget for 2021 was reviewed.
9. Reviewed minutes of 20-11-17. Accepted, Rachel/Bruce 5/0
10. Meeting adjourned, Rachel/Denis 5/0 @ 20:28
11. NEXT MEETING: 2021-01-19 @ 18:30