STRATFORD PLANNING BOARD

Meeting Agenda 2023-09-19

- 1. Atlantic Tower Site Plan Review application
- 2. Atlantic Tower Site Plan Public Hearing
- 3. Atlantic Tower Site Plan Application discussion
- 4. Master Plan draft edits review
- 5. Subdivision draft edits review
- 6. Minutes
- 7. Other Business

Project List

CIP Land Use Ordinance Development

Review List:

Master plan
Subdivision regulations
Procedures

Stratford Planning Board

2023-09-19 Business Meeting Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Noons; Bruce Blodgett; Ron Scott; Charles Goulet (as alternate ex officio member), Clayton Macdonald, secretary.

PUBLIC PRESENT: Brenden Gill, Michael Brauer, Woods Subdivision property owners, general public.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 18:31

- 1. Clayton said that the initial business was for the Board to accept, or reject, as complete the Atlantic Towers LLC minor site plan review application for Map 238 Lot 003, noting that the issue of abutter notification, which arose in the August meeting, had been resolved. Public comment followed complaining that the public had not inspected the application and had no way of knowing if the application was complete or not, and that the application could therefore not be accepted. It was explained that accepting, or rejecting, the application as complete was the Board's responsibility and must be according to the regulations in place at the time of application. It was also explained that accepting the application as complete was not the same as approving the application. Application was accepted as complete, Bill/Bruce 4/0.
- 2. Business Meeting was recessed for the Public Hearing, Bill/Bruce 4/0.
- 3. Bill reconvened the regular business meeting, 19:50.
- 4. The Atlantic Tower proposal to build a telecommunications tower was discussed. The Board members present were uniform in expressing their dislike of the project and their concern that it is both unnecessary and hard on the immediate property owners who had all expressed worry and dismay; it was noted that no one from the public had expressed support for the project. The options for the Board at this point were explored. Mr Brauer suggested an ordinance be adopted, and was told that it could not be done before Town Meeting. Clayton noted that any letter of denial would have to list the specific regulatory basis for the denial, and that the Board has not yet positively identified such. Motion to investigate Atlantic Tower's Delaware registration, the question of fall zone regulation, and to call for additional written testimony from the public before taking a vote to approve, Bill/Bruce, 4/0
- 5. Tabled Master Plan and Subdivision Regulation reviews, Bill/Ron, 4/0.
- 6. Approved Minutes of 23-08-15, Bill/Bruce, 4/0.
- 7. Adjourned 20:38

NEXT MEETING: 2023-10-17 @ 18:30.