



City of Lowell - Planning Board

Planning Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 27, 2022 6:30 p.m.

City Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall

City of Lowell, 375 Merrimack Street, Lowell, MA

Remote Participation Optional via Zoom

Note: These minutes are not completed verbatim. For a recording of the meeting, visit www.ltc.org

Members Present

Thomas Linnehan, Chairman

Gerard Frechette, Vice Chairman

Richard Lockhart, Member

Caleb Cheng, Member

Russell Pandres, Associate Member

Sinead Gallivan, Associate Member

Members Absent

Robert Malavich, Member

Others Present

Francesca Cigliano, Senior Planner

A quorum of the Board was present. Chairman Linnehan called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

I. Minutes for Approval

January 3, 2022

G. Frechette motioned and C. Cheng seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously, (5-0).

II. Continued Business

III. New Business

Site Plan Review: 663 Lawrence Street 01852

Standish Green Group, LLC has applied to the Lowell Planning Board for Site Plan Review approval to operate an Adult Use Marijuana Cultivation and Product Manufacturing Facility at 663 Lawrence Street. The subject property is located in the Light Industrial (LI) zoning district. The proposal requires Site Plan Review approval pursuant Section 7.10 and Section 11.4 from the Lowell Planning Board, and any other relief required under the Lowell Zoning Ordinance.

On Behalf:

None

Speaking in Favor:

None

Speaking in Opposition:

None

Discussion:

Jeff Thomas, 76 Bowden Street

J. Thomas said that he is a resident and chair of a neighborhood group. He would like the applicant to meet with the neighborhood group at their meeting on February 7. T. Linnehan suggested that he ask the applicant to request a continuance to the February 24 Planning Board meeting in order to meet at their neighborhood meeting on February 7. The other Board members concurred with T. Linnehan.

Motion:

R. Lockhart motioned to continue the petition to the February 7 Planning Board meeting, seconded by G. Frechette. The motion passed unanimously, (5-0).

IV. Other Business

V. Notices

VI. Further Comments from Planning Board Members

R. Lockhart said the Historic Board has been very quiet and has their next meeting on February 14.

S. Gallivan provided an update on the Community Preservation Committee. The Committee met on January 13 and reviewed proposals for CPA funding. Out of 13 projects, 11 were recommended by the Committee to receive some level of funding. These are just recommendations and the City Council votes to authorize issuance of the funding. The Committee recommended to bond two projects, including Rollie's Farm. The Committee had approximately \$2.6 million of funding to allocate. The stained glass window project at City Hall was also bonded.

G. Frechette provided an updated from NMCOG. The organization had selected a new Executive Director, but unfortunately they resigned.

VII. Adjournment

R. Lockhart motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by C. Cheng. The motion passed unanimously, (5-0). The time was 6:48PM.