

Board Members
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TOWN OF MEDWAY
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Wednesday, November 1, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.
Sanford Hall
155 Village Street
Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Brian White, Chair; Gibb Phenegar, Vice Chair; Christina Oster, Clerk; Joe Barresi, Member; Tom Emero, Member

Members Absent: none

Also Present: Barbara Saint Andre, Director, Community and Economic Development

Call to Order

Mr. White called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and stated that this meeting is being recorded by Medway Cable.

Public hearings

Mr. Emero recused himself from this matter.

Mr. White opened the public hearing by reading the following public hearing notice:

67 Village Street (continued from October 4, 2023) – The application is for the issuance of a **special permit** under Section 5.5 D to allow an extension or change of a pre-existing nonconforming use to allow an industrial import/export business/gemstone retailer with limited retail sales by appointment.

Mr. White noted that the applicant has requested that the Board allow the application to be withdrawn without prejudice.

With a motion made by Gibb Phenegar, seconded by Christina Oster, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the request to withdraw without prejudice.

Mr. Emero rejoined the Board.

3. Other Business: November 13, 2023 Town Meeting

Ms. Saint Andre reminded the members that the fall Town Meeting will be held on November 13th at 7 p.m. at the High School. She stated that one of the articles is to delete a General Bylaw that established a "Zoning Board of Appeals" to hear appeals under the Building Code, but those appeals are now handled by the state, so this bylaw is out of date. Deleting this bylaw will not affect this Zoning Board of Appeals, which is established by the Zoning Bylaw.

She also noted that most of the proposed zoning bylaw amendments on the warrant are housekeeping. One substantive amendment is to allow a greater building height in the Central Business District by special permit if the applicant agrees to provide additional, permanently protected open space. Mr. Emero asked if there was a Tree Preservation Bylaw on the warrant, Ms. Saint Andre confirmed there is. It generally provides for protection of trees within the zoning setbacks when developing property.

4. Approval of Minutes

- October 18, 2023

Motion to approve the minutes for October 18, 2023, as presented, made by Gibb Phenegar, seconded by Christina Oster, passed by a vote of: 5-0.

5. Upcoming Meetings

- November 15th
- December 6th

6. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. made by Gibb Phenegar, seconded by Christina Oster, passed by a vote of: 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara J. Saint Andre
Director, Community and Economic Development