

Agawam Planning Board –April 6, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark R. Paleologopoulos, Chairman
Frank DeStefano
Charles Elfman
Violet Baldwin

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mike DiLullo

ALSO PRESENT:

Taryn Egerton
Pam Kerr
Stefanie Kesecker

Chairperson Paleologopoulos called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

1. 6:00PM PUBLIC HEARING – Zoning Amendment – TOR2023-4 – Town of Agawam-Mayor Sapelli

Mr. Paleologopoulos stated this Zoning Amendment includes two parcels: 1000 Suffield and 1070 Suffield Street. The Amendment is sponsored by Mayor Sapelli. Ms. Kerr explained the Town of Agawam bylaws are written to allow for cell towers throughout Town on specified parcels located in an Overlay District. She stated this amendment would add 1000 and 1070 Suffield Street to the Overlay District to allow cell towers at these two locations. She stated the Planning Board makes a negative or positive recommendation to the City Council and City Council makes the ultimate decision. The public hearing for the City Council is scheduled for April 18, 2023.

Mr. Paleologopoulos opened the meeting to the public. There were no comments from the public.

Motion was made by Ms. Baldwin and seconded by Mr. Elfman to close the PUBLIC HEARING-Zoning Amendment-TOR2023-4-Town of Agawam-Mayor Sapelli.

VOTE 4-0-0

Motion was made by Mr. Elfman and seconded by Mr. DeStefano to issue a positive recommendation to the City Council for the Zoning Amendment-TOR2023-4-Town of Agawam-Mayor Sapelli.

VOTE 4-0-0

2. FORM A – 44 & 38 North West Street – Davis

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Christopher Davis was present for this agenda item. He explained to the Board that he is adding an addition to this home and needs to move the property line 6-1/2 ft. over to give him the necessary setback needed. Mr. Davis stated he and his neighbor are in agreement with this and he is giving his neighbor a small portion of his land. Mr. Paleologopoulos stated there is no change to the frontage. Mr. Destefano asked about the location of the shed. Mr. Davis said the shed in question had already been moved.

Motion was made by Ms. Baldwin and seconded by Mr. DeStefano to approve the plan for -44 & 38 North West Street-Davis, under Subdivision Control Law Not Required.

VOTE 4-0-0

3. REVISED SITE PLAN – 19F Gold Street – GoNet Speed

Joey Swaine with Development Associates was present for this agenda item. She stated the Site Plan had been approved prior without electricity because Eversource had told them that it would take years to install. She stated an electrician came to look at it and he said they could place a separate meter and a light pole in this area that would consist of 2 LED lights and would be lit from dusk to dawn. Ms. Swaine showed the Board a picture of the fenced in area. Mr. Paleologopoulos asked about the dark area on map. Ms. Swaine said it was a tracking mat and would come down after construction. Mr. Paleologopoulos talked about Engineering comments and the need for a swale around the perimeter. Motion was made by Mr. Elfman and seconded by Mr. DeStefano to approve the Revised Site Plan-19F Gold Street-GoNet Speed, upon satisfying all Engineering and other professional comments. Engineering comments have since been addressed on this revised plan.

VOTE 4-0-0

4. SITE PLAN – 240 Bowles Road – SolBid, Inc

Dan Renna with Solbid, Inc. was present for this agenda item. He stated they are looking for conditional approval, based on Engineering Departments request for test pits to be completed and the finalized results should be ready next week. Mr. Paleologopoulos stated they had requested a waiver as well under §180-160 Financial Surety, since the inherent design of the system is for onsite generation and use with limited export to the grid.

Motion was made by Ms. Baldwin and seconded by Mr. Elfman to approve the waiver request from the Code of the Town of Agawam §180-160 Financial Surety for 240 Bowles Road-SolBid, Inc.

VOTE 4-0-0

Motion was made by Ms. Baldwin and seconded by Mr. DeStefano to approve the SITE PLAN-240 Bowles Road-SolBid, Inc, conditional upon satisfying all Engineering and other professional comments.

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VOTE 4-0-0

5. PUBLIC HEARING CONT. – Definitive Plan – 673 Silver Street – Aspenwood Estates – Aspenwood Associates, LLC

The Planning Board received a written request to continue this agenda item until the April 20, 2023 meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. DeStefano and seconded by Mr. Elfman to continue the PUBLIC HEARING CONT.-Definitive Plan-673 Silver Street-Aspenwood Estates-Aspenwood Associates, LLC.

VOTE 4-0-0

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES March 16, 2023

Motion was made by Mr. Elfman and seconded by Mr. DeStefano to approve the minutes of March 16, 2023.

VOTE 3-0-1 (Baldwin)

7. Correspondences

There were no items.

Motion was made by Mr. DeStefano and seconded by Mr. Elfman to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE 4-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 6:35pm.