



CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

Planning Board

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**REGULAR MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**June 8, 2020**

**Call to order** 6:00 p.m.

**Chair statement for virtual public hearing**

Chairman Leary read the following statement: Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, this public hearing of the North Adams Planning Board is being conducted via remote participation. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but the public can listen to this meeting while in progress via teleconference. Members of the public attending this meeting virtually will be allowed to make comments if they wish to do so, during the portion of the hearing designated for public comment, by teleconference.

**Members present virtually** Chairman Michael Leary, Lisa Blackmer, Lynette Ritland Bond, Robert Burdick, Kyle Hanlon, Kayla Hollins, Paul Senecal, and Larry Taft

**Members absent** Brian Miksic

**Others present virtually** Barbara Canale, Jeff Grandchamp, Charlie LaBatt, and William Meranti, Building Inspector

**Public hearings new business**

- **Case No: SPA2020-17** Application of Berkshire Hills Development Co., LLC for property located at River Street. Special permit requested for a site plan approval to reconfigure the current parking in a B-1 and B-2 zone.

Chairman Leary opened the public hearing to Jeff Grandchamp. Mr. Grandchamp explained that the plan is to take the interior parking lot and relocate to the east end. They would also like to use the vacant parcel on the northwest corner of Veazie and River Streets for parking. The new plan would improve the traffic pattern and cut down on traffic entering and exiting River Street.

Chairman Leary requested questions from the board. Member Senecal inquired about what will replace the parking lot behind the Porches. Mr. Grandchamp stated that it would be grass/open space.

Member Ritland Bond inquired about the landscaping plan. Mr. Grandchamp explained that the mature trees would stay and they would add more as necessary.

Member Hanlon inquired about whether the removal of one lot and the addition another would change the impervious amount of surface area. Mr. LaBatt explained that there would be a slight reduction overall. They plan to install stormwater management similar to what was done 20 years ago.

Chairman Leary requested questions or comments from others on the call. No questions.

Chairman Leary requested a motion to close the public hearing. Member Blackmer made a motion to close the public hearing. Member Senecal seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Approval of minutes**

- Planning public hearing – May 11, 2020

Chairman Leary requested a motion to approve the minutes of the Planning public hearing for May 11, 2020. Member Hanlon made a motion to approve the minutes. Member Blackmer seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

- Regular meeting – May 11, 2020

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**New business**

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Chairman Leary requested a motion to approve. Member Hanlon made a motion to approve. Member Senecal seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Adjournment** Motion to adjourn 6:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Ells  
Planning Board Secretary