

**TOWN OF NAHANT
PLANNING BOARD**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2020 5:30PM
LOCATION: ZOOM CONFERENCING, NAHANT, MA**

MEETING MINUTES

5:36 Meeting Opening and Roll Call

By Vice Chairman Daniel Berman:
Calvin Hastings, Chairman - Here
J Shannon Bianchi, Corresponding Secretary - Here
Daniel Berman Vice Chairman - Here
Sheila Hambleton - Here
Mirjana Maksimovic - Here
Steven Viviano – Not Present
Patrick O'Reilly, Recording Secretary – Here

Members of the public in attendance:
Stephen Smith – attorney representing Valenti family
Francis Valenti
Sarita Valenti
Annie Wachtel
Charles Hansel
Heather Goodwin
Joseph Mellon
K. Alice

1. Opening Remarks and Discussion on Spouting Horn Subdivision

Chairman Cal Hastings - opening remarks planning board counsel preparing a report for planning board for Sept 15 hearing.

Stephen Smith reviewed history and status of the lots on Spouting Horn Rd

Chairman Cal Hastings discussed awaiting the legal basis of authority to approve subdivision

Stephen Smith asserts that covenant with planning board allows for subdivision if planning board approves.

Cal Hastings discussed some gaps in the public record, issues with the road not being a public way, whether the town maintains the road. Whether all the stakeholder boards and departments have submitted the required letters. Emphasized need to have all reviewing agencies, especially emergency services, give feedback and document their review of access to the subdivision.

Stephen Smith Presented September 2019 letters were received by planning board. Discussed status of actions by planning board.

Shannon Bianci reports that letters to abutters and reviewing agencies will go out in the mail tomorrow 8/28/2020

Francis Valenti – Recounted history of the process, expressed disappointment with length of process, steps taken to address the planning board’s concerns and lack of communication on what would be necessary to gain approval.

Chairman Cal Hastings – Reiterated awaiting report from counsel and would do whatever is right. Moving on to next topic

2. Northern Strand Discussion

Dan Berman update on northern strand community trail. Route from Market St to Nahant Rotary would eliminate right hand lane.

General comments from multiple planning board members expressed concerns about the loss of a lane into the Nahant Rotary and lack of planning engagement with Nahant.

Additional Comments from attendees:

- From Joesph Mellen to Everyone: 06:50 PM
 - The BOS already has spoken in favor with the project at one of their meetings.
- From Charles Hansell to Everyone: 06:52 PM
 - Sign posts at entrance to causeway states no Bicycle, pedestrians or horses
- From Joesph Mellen to Everyone: 06:59 PM
 - True. All bike traffic should be directed along the DCR walkway. Contact the DCR. They own the Parkway. I posted this very issue on FB a few months ago. Along with the drawing of the Carroll Parkway Bike lane.
- From Charles Hansell to Everyone: 07:00 PM
 - The Town rallied big time when the original Causeway plan proposed only 2 lanes one in one out

3. Coast Guard Housing

Dan Berman and Cal Hastings reviewed warrant article language

Cal Hastings, Dan Berman and Shannon Bianchi expressed concern over the lack of communications over subdivision and zoning components of the article.

4. Next Meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday September 8, 2020

5. Approve prior minutes

None

6. Adjourn

7:37 Motion to adjourn

Calvin Hastings - Yes

Daniel Berman - Yes

Shannon Bianchi -Yes

Patrick O'Reilly – Yes

Other members no longer present

Unanimous vote in favor

Meeting Minutes Prepared by Patrick O'Reilly, Recording Secretary
Minutes Approved by Planning Board on October 6, 2020