

Town of Lenox
Planning Board
Meeting Minutes
July 28, 2020
Via Zoom

Members Present: Pam Kueber (PK), Tom Delasco (TD), Jim Harwood (JH), Lauryn Franzoni (LF)

Absent w/ Notification: Kate McNulty Vaughan

Staff Present: Gwen Miller, Town Planner

Documents Available for Meeting:

- Meeting Agenda
- Minutes of June 23 and July 14
- Zoning Bylaw Amendment Documents created by Pam Kueber

1. Approve minutes for June 23 and July 14, 2020 meetings

June 23, 2020—Approved w/o amendments
TD & PK approved; JH & LF abstained

July 14, 2020—TD moved to approved, PK seconded
Correct spelling of “solaa” to “solar”
JH, PK, TD, approved; LF abstained

2. Introduce newly elected member, Lauryn Franzoni

Lauryn introduced herself. She currently works in organizational and leadership development. Interested in supporting further economic development in Lenox to bring more families with children to Lenox.

3. Annual reorganization of Board: a. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair b. The Chair, with the concurrence of a majority of the Board, shall make appointments to other such boards, committees, and task forces as authorized by the Town Manager or Select Board. c. The Board, by majority vote, shall appoint one of its members to serve as a member of the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission. The appointment shall be for a period of one year.

Board decided to retain current positions. PK to remain as Chair and TD to remain as Vice Chair.

TD: Aye

JH: Aye

LF: Aye

PK: Aye

LF will be the Delegate to BRPC with PK as alternate. PB member seats on the Housing Trust and Community Preservation Committee will remain the same.

4. Review proposed updates to 8.8 Religious and Educational Uses bylaw: latest proposal for Board discussion also brings Institutional Uses listed in 5.2.B under one set of performance standards.

PK shared document she has developed with a suggested bylaw to amend local regulations that are allowable under the federal and state rules for religious and educational uses. The proposal also brings Institutional Uses listed in 5.2.B under one consolidated set of performance standards. The group discussed, with specific discussion related to for-profit and not-for-profit educational uses and where these uses are currently allowed. It was noted they are allowed in the R-15 and R-30 zoning districts, and that some regulations would be helpful in protecting the residential nature of these neighborhoods while also encouraging the re-use of some larger properties and buildings.

5. Time permitting: Review updates from last meeting to Agricultural Uses zoning; includes continued work on farm stands and backyard chickens.

PK shared work she had one in creating a “tier” of farm stands for residential neighborhoods based on state law parameters. GM would look at performance standards that could be incorporated into the format PK had created.

6. Discuss agenda for next meeting, Aug. 11

The group discussed the following items for their next meeting:

Prioritizing goals for next calendar year;

Identifying cost and scope of work for a wireless technology consultant.