



Town of Barnstable Planning Board

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Town of Barnstable PLANNING BOARD Minutes December 9, 2024

Stephen Robichaud – Chairman	Present
Robert Twiss, Vice Chairman	Present
Tim O'Neill – Clerk	Present
Mary Barry	Absent
Michael Mecnas	Present
Raymond Sexton	Present
Matthew Teague	Present

Also in attendance were Planning & Development Staff; Kyle Pedicini, Community & Economic Development Planner and Karen Pina, Principal Assistant.

Application materials may be accessed through the Planning Board website at:

<https://www.townofbarnstable.us/boardscommittees/PlanningBoard/default.asp?brd=Planning+Board&brdid=19&year=2023> or by contacting Karen.pina@town.barnstable.ma.us or calling 508-862-4064.

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<http://streaming85.townofbarnstable.us/CablecastPublicSite/watch/1?channel=1>

The Chair must inquire whether anyone else is taping this meeting and to please make their presence known.

Call to Order Introduction of Commission and Board Members

General Public Comment - None

Approval Not Required

Park City Wind LLC has submitted an Approval Not Required plan entitled "Approval Not Required Plan of Land prepared for Park City Wind LLC Barnstable Massachusetts, dated November 26, 2024"

Chair Stephen Robichaud – we have received correspondence from Stacey Gunther today.

Jim Kupfer explains what an Approval Not Required (ANR) is for the record. Limited review under Mass General Law - control law, specifically that if adequate frontage than endorsement may be entitled. There is a Staff Report and has been reviewed and these standards have been met. Board meeting for those reasons, to be done within 21 days if not it is constructively approved and granted by default.

Ray Sexton clarifies that technical matter. This is not appropriate forum for any larger issue. If meets standards.

Jim Kupfer, looking at lot lines being created, not to review zoning. Not in review of any project or use.

Mark Magowan in attendance. No questions from the Board.

Chair Stephen Robichaud entertains a motion to approve, moved by Tim O'Neill to endorse the plan entitled "Approval Not Required Plan of Plan Prepared for Park City Wind LLC" prepared for Park city Wind LLC, prepared by Dawood, last revised November 26, 2024, as an Approval Not Required Plan, With the following Findings;

- **It does not constitute a subdivision because each of the lots have the minimum required frontage on an existing way having suitable grades, and adequate construction to provide for the needs of vehicular traffic in relation to the proposed use and for the installation of municipal services to serve such use or has been labeled as "not buildable"; and**
- **All materials and conditions of Chapter 801, Article IV Approval Not Required Plans, have been submitted and are in full compliance, seconded by Matt Teague,**

Roll Call Vote:

Michael Mecnas - aye

Matt Teague - aye

Ray Sexton - aye

Bob Twiss - aye

Tim O'Neill - aye

Stephen Robichaud - aye

Staff Updates

Jim Kupfer, LCP will meet again to finalize. Have gotten a lot of good feedback online and emails all posted on Barnstable LCP.com website, Dec. 19th at 5:30. Hope to put together the final draft or the draft of the plan for public review closer to February. Early feedback and next steps. Open Space Plan. Housing report snapshot – 30 minute long presentation. Since 2017. Project by project, all projects since 2017.

HPP update – recommendation to Town Council, will now go to them for their consideration. Will report back to the Board.

Discussion

Cape Cod Vision Zero Action Plan Presentation

Steven Tupper, Deputy Director presenting on Cape Cod Vision Zero Action Plan. Civil Engineer. Digital equity plan at Town.

Gives a presentation – The Safe System Approach. Safe streets. Hyannis Main Street. Roadway safety. Traffic deaths. Have to design system for safety.

Vision Zero Advisory Committee. List shown Federal grant program.

Goal – create transportation system. Systematic crash analysis. Solutions to tackle the root cause. Elements of the plan. Policy and process changes. Progress and transparency. Project schedule. In the outreach phase now. Community Engagement. Crashes reported on Cape Cod. Nearly 30,000 over 6 years. Crash density. Crashes reported. Environmental Justice. Means diversity in the area, minority and housing. Higher percentage taking biking or public transportation.

365 pedestrians and 474 bicyclist crashes. Every 3 days someone is hit by a car. 74 pedestrians are serious and 52 bicyclists. Staggering number – 81 fatalities and 644 serious injuries.

Graph by town. Barnstable has the highest. Top five. Top five primary contributing factors. Roadway network. High risk network. High injury network. Draft map of roads that have many crashes. Statistical locations. Countermeasures. Speed management. Crosscutting treatments. Roadway Departures. Public engagement. Met with focus group. Public meetings. High tech strategies. Online website as well. Comment tool. We have been hearing. Feedback and Discussion. Education, Town policies, safety ideas, enforcement, and any other ideas.

Chair Stephen Robichaud, good to hear that there are some low cost strategies for this. Route 132 is bad. All about sidewalks. Route 6A is a challenge.

Michael Mecnas, this is a huge problem, especially during the summer.

Matt Teague, was run over as a child on Route 6A. E bikes and e scooters. No helmet in the travel lane. Where does this come into play. These are extremely dangerous and fast.

Steven Tupper, more research for this. Seeing some safety issues with this. E bikes do go much faster and has created some significant safety issues. Regulation for this.

Matt Teague, 40 or 50 miles an hour with an E bike and no helmet is a challenge, this has to be addressed. Reflective vest, this can save a life.

Ray Sexton, has to be some enforcement. Overhead sensors possibly. Safe streets.

Jim Kupfer, Safe and complete working hand in hand with most of them. Complete streets in place. Bike accommodations and lane widths. Safe Streets, received a grant to study intersections for road safety. Looking at ways to improve. Implement quickly.

Bob Twiss, a lot of issues, hard to prioritize. Not a lot of places in Barnstable can utilize safely. Not enough sidewalks. Need more signs. Roads and paths can't accommodate.

Tim O'Neill, E bikes will probably become more prevalent and a larger issue. Scooters are more prevalent in other parts of the country and in tourist areas. How will be regulated. How does Cape Cod Commission (CCC) interact with the state, Route 28 and 132 - long term planning for that.

Jim Kupfer, doing locally from where state road ends, from state to town road.

Tim O'Neill, Route 28 is dangerous, what ability does CCC have to push the state or having input for these state roadways. Bearse's Way, good example of what should be done. Anything to lean into the state?

Jim Kupfer, shared use – Bearse's Way.

Steven Tupper, a lot of things in process. State is behind this, they provided the local match grant. All the areas mentioned have come up. Newtown Road and Route 28 is in the plan. Next 5 years for state funding are Route 28 and several locations. We are all on the same direction. E bikes and scooters, state is trying to keep up and are starting to classify E bikes in regards to the speed. E mobility devices. Municipality would have a role in this. Safety requirements and mobility benefits.

Chair Stephen Robichaud, education won't help, waste of money. Walkable downtown needed. Pedestrians should come first. Seasonal rule and regulations should apply.

Matters Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair

Approval of Minutes

November 25, 2024, Draft Minutes

Chair Stephen Robichaud entertains a motion to approve, moved by Bob Twiss, seconded by Michael Mecnas,

Roll Call Vote

Michael Mecnas – aye

Matt Teague - aye

Ray Sexton – aye

Bob Twiss - aye

Tim O’Neill - aye

Stephen Robichaud - aye

Future Meetings: January 13 and January 27, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Chair Stephen Robichaud entertains a motion to adjourn, seconded by seconded by Matt Teague,

Roll Call Vote:

Michael Mecnas - aye

Matt Teague – aye

Bob Twiss - aye

Tim O’Neill - aye

Ray Sexton - aye

Stephen Robichaud - aye

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Pina, Principal Assistant, Planning & Development

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