

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 6:30 P.M. ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2018 IN ROOM 210, TOWN HALL, 84 SOUTH MAIN STREET, CHESHIRE CT 06410**

Present

Committee Chair Paul Bowman, Councilor Patti Flynn-Harris, Economic Development Coordinator Jerry Sitko, Council Chairman Rob Oris.

Guest: Attorney Frank Bartlett

Absent

Councilor Tim Slocum.

Roll Call

A quorum was determined to be present, and Chairman Bowman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Discussion re: sublease of parking spaces at 36 Wallingford Road

Mr. Sitko distributed information regarding the location of parking spaces at 36 Wallingford Road and in the Grange parking lot. Atty. Bartlett has purchased 36 Wallingford Road, and would like to sublease seven parking spaces in the Grange lot from the Town to ensure he will meet zoning requirements should he expand and change use to office of the second floor of this property, and also to help ensure ADA compliance regarding handicapped parking. He would like to resolve this issue before he invests several hundred thousand dollars to renovate his property.

Mr. Bowman and expressed concern about the possible non-compliance of the property should there be a change in owner or leases terms in the future or at the end of the Town's 15 year lease of the lot, and also what would happen if the property across the street wanted to use parking spaces. He agreed that ADA compliance was important, and supported the handicapped space. He suggested a variance might be an alternative.

Mr. Oris agreed with the concerns about the future and also mentioned the possibility of mixed use.

Ms. Flynn-Harris asked if specific spaces had been requested; Atty. Bartlett replied that they had not. Ms. Flynn-Harris also questioned the number of spaces needed if the second floor became residential.

Mr. Bowman explained that the Committee needed some clarification from the Town Planner, would review and hold another meeting, and bring this to the full Council at their next regular meeting. The Committee requested a letter explaining that a decision can be made at the discretion of the Planner in certain circumstances such as change of use, the number of parking spaces that would be needed for mixed use, and clarification of what would happen after the 15 year lease is up and there is a potential non-compliant use.

Mr. Bartlett thanked the Council.

Adjournment.

MOTION by Ms. Flynn-Harris to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Bowman.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously among those present, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Attested by

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Arnett Talbot  
Acting Clerk