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**Town of Henniker
Planning Board
Wednesday May 8, 2024 6 PM
Henniker Community Center**

- Members Present:** Chairman Scott Dias, Vice-Chairwoman Heidi Aucoin Dan Higginson, Ryan Haley, Kyle Carson, Keith DeMoura, Selectman Bill Marko
- Member’s Excused:** Paul Mulcahey (alternate), Selectman Jeff Morse
- Town Planner:** Mark Fougere
- Recording Secretary:** Hank Bernstein
- Guests:** Tia Hooper, Aaron Wechsler, Kris Blomback, Mike Penney, Melissa Goss, Kirk Spofford

1) CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE / ATTENDANCE

Chairman Scott Dias opened the meeting with recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

2) APRIL 10, 2024 MEETING MINUTES – REVIEW AND APPROVE.

B. Marko moved to approve the minutes April 10, 2024, second by K. DeMoura. Motion passed unanimously.

3) PROJECTS OF REGIONAL IMPACT

M. Fougere shared a notice of public hearing from the Town of Stoddard Zoning Board of Adjustment for Special Exception for a new telecommunications facility.

S. Dias moved up item 6 as discussion would be brief compared to the public hearings.

6) CIP COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP: TWO THREE YEARS TERMS SEATS OPEN.

Tia Hooper, Chairwoman of the Capital Improvement Program Committee, informed the board of two vacant seats on the committee. Rocky Bostrom is not seeking reappointment- Ms. Hooper expressed gratitude for the work he had performed. She shared that Jeff Connor is looking to serve and the CIP would like to reappoint Bruce Trivellini. Discussion ensued.

S. Dias moved to appoint Jeff Connor to the CIP for a term of three years ending on March 1st, 2028, seconded by B. Marko. Motion carried unanimously.

S. Dias moved to appoint Bruce Trivellini to the CIP for a term of three years ending on March 1st, 2028, seconded by B. Marko. Motion carried 4-3.

(S. Dias, D. Higginson, and K. DeMoura opposed)

4) PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. **PBCase: 2024- 02** Proposed site plan application detailing a new driveway providing access to a proposed gravel pit located mostly in Hopkinton (Map 211 Lot 7); gravel pit will straddle the Town Line, Applicant Foster Materials & Owner David Foster, Map 9 Lot 615, Zoned Heavy Commercial. **Application Acceptance & Public Hearing.**

Aaron Wechsler, of Aspen Environmental Consultants, presented plans for this project. Foster Materials has proposed a gravel pit in Hopkinton, access to which will include a driveway in Henniker on Old Concord Rd. Discussion ensued.

D. Higginson moved to accept the application for PBCase: 2024-02, second by K. DeMoura. Motion carried unanimously

S. Dias opened discussion to public comment.

Mellissa Goss, of Liberty Hill Rd, asked clarifying questions. Mr. Wechsler answered that the purpose of this driveway is to avoid impacting a wetland.

With no furth comment S. Dias closed public input.

B. Marko moved to approve PBCase 2024-02 Proposed site plan application, seconded by D. Higginson. Motion carried 6-0-1.

(R. Haley abstained)

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- b. **PBCase: 2024- 03** Proposed site plan application detailing a number of improvements to Pats Peak ski area including: snow making reservoir, replacement of the Hurricane Chairlift, reconfiguring beginner bypass area at base area and adding a parking lot culvert, Applicant & Owner Pats Peak Inc., 686 Flanders Road, Map 8 Lots 588A, 589c, 655 and 655a, Zoned Commercial Recreation. **Application Acceptance and Public Hearing.**
(D. Higginson recused himself)

Kris Blomback, General Manager at Pats Peak, presented plans for this Site Plan Review. He gave details of the following projects:

- A new culvert to improve parking and traffic flow.
- Replacement and grade lowering of the Hurricane Chair Lift. Part of this change will divert highspeed ski traffic away from the beginner area.
- Topography raising of the Hurricane unload area.
- Snow making reservoir at that the top of the mountain.

The Planning Board ask questions on each item as they were addressed. Mike Penney, of Verdantas, gave technical information where necessary.

B. Marko moved to accept the application for PBCase: 2024-03, seconded by R. Haley. Motion carried 6-0-1.
(D. Higginson recused)

S. Dias opened discussion to public comment.

Mellissa Goss, of Liberty Hill Rd, asked clarifying questions. Mr. Blomback answered that the water shed should not affect Goss Lumber.

With no furth comment S. Dias closed public input.

B. Marko moved to approve PBCase: 2024-03 Proposed site plan application, seconded by K. Carson. Motion carried 6-0-1.

(D. Higginson recused)
(D. Higginson returned to the board)

5) CASE 2021-03 BIG WHITE DOG VENUE FACILITY SITE PLAN APPROVAL EXTENSION REQUESTION, THREE YEARS; 2226 WEARE ROAD, M 1 LOTS 744A & 743.

M. Fougere noted that the applicant is looking for an extension. Planning Board approvals are valid for three years. Due to circumstances the applicant has not been able to move forward and would like an extension. Discussion ensued.

B. Marko moved to approve the extension request for PBCase 2021-03 for three years, second by D. Higginson. Motion carried unanimously.

7) DISCUSSION

The Planning Board received new Member Binders and a tracking sheet for case stipulations that will be included in their meeting materials.

8) ADJOURNMENT

D. Higginson moved to adjourn at 6:58, second by R. Haley. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Hank Bernstein
Minute Taker

Minutes Approved: