



## **Planning Board Minutes – February 18, 2014**

A meeting of the Town of Freetown **Planning Board** was held on **February 18, 2014** at the Freetown Town Hall 3 N Main St Assonet, MA. **Present:** Chairman Robert Raymond, Nicolas Velozo, Robert Jose; Deb Robbins, alternate member in attendance

### **A. Meeting called to order at 7:07 PM**

### **B. The Planning Board acting as Special Permit Granting Authority (SPGA) reconvened special permit and site plan review hearings for Republic Services (7:08 PM)**

The Chairman announced there was not a quorum of four to conduct new business and make decisions in a public hearing; Motion to continue the hearings to March 4<sup>th</sup> in Town Hall at 7 PM : Robert Jose; Second: Nick Velozo. All in favor.

With the understanding that no votes could take place, Chris October addressed the board with an update on the project. Republic has not taken much action in the public view, but Mr. October states that it is very much a viable project. He stated that they have been weighing options to address site drainage problems posed by the basin, none of which they can undertake on their own. The basin is not under Republic's direct control; Abutting property owners have rights to the basin. Republic has been proposing a series of options to these abutters, and are currently undergoing meetings.

Mr. October stated he believes the board is looking for 2 items: an agreement in place with the Borges brothers for transfer of ownership of the parcels needed to work on the intersection and a filing with Con Com for a final drainage solution. Neither is complete as of this meeting. Mr. Raymond stated we can ask that they address drainage issues, but we can't hold up approvals, etc by requiring completion of any pending action by the Con Com; that is not within our authority. Mr. October went over the outline to road acceptance he drafted with the help of conversations had with Keven Desmarais and the Planning Technician. He is looking for someone in the Town to give confirmation this is the correct process. He states that it is still important to get the project moving quickly. He requests that outside of the intersection and drainage, the board start to consider other conditions they may want in the final approval. Mr. Raymond said he would have the Planning Technician contact the members to start thinking of conditions.

### **C. Minor revisions to previously approved site plan and special permits for Barry Costa (64-66 S Main)**

Engineer Rick Charon sent in a letter with a request that the board allow Mr. Costa to revise the septic system to accommodate for a single restaurant with 140 seat capacity. The prior plan called for 2 separate restaurants each with a 75 seat capacity. There is also an additional parking space added to the plan. A discussion followed a review of the plan. Motion to allow the changes: Nick Velozo; Second: Robert Jose; All in favor.

### **D. Misc**

Motion to approve the minutes of February 4, 2014: Robert Jose; Second: Nick Velozo; All in favor.

The board discussed the 20 available hours of municipal assistance from SRPEDD. The Planning Technician will find out when the DLTA grant will be announced, and if we do not get that, the 20 hours can go to by law and rules and regulations review.

The board paid the schedule of bills.

Meeting Adjourned 8:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lauren Moreau

