HULL PLANNING BOARD 253 Atlantic Avenue, 2nd Floor Hull, MA 02045

Minutes: 8, 2023

A joint meeting of the Hull Planning Board, the Zoning Board of Appeals, and the Zoning Bylaw Committee was held at 7:30 p.m. on November 8, 2023 via the Zoom platform as an alternate means of access pursuant to an Order issued by the Governor of Massachusetts dated March 12, 2020 Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law.

Members Present:

Planning Board:

Meghan Reilly (Chair)

Nancy Boyce

Zoning Board of Appeals:

Patrick Finn (Chair) Richard Hennessey

Edmund Parsons

Zoning Bylaw Committee:

Bartley Kelly (Chair)

Irwin Nesoff Julia Parker Susan Green

Staff Present:

Chris DiIorio, Director of Planning and Community Development

Kelly said the focus of this meeting was the article on Accessory Dwelling Units that was presented at Town Meeting and referred back to the Zoning Bylaw Committee for further study. He acknowledged that some members of the other Boards might want to make changes or edits to the article as presently written.

Finn said it was his understanding that the purpose of this meeting was to set a schedule for future meetings to work on a draft article on ADUs that could be presented at the upcoming Town Meeting in May. He recommended, however, that a copy of the current version be sent to the Department of Community and Housing Development (DCHD) in the hope of obtaining input as to whether it would be consistent with state law and the legislation being proposed by the Governor relative to ADUs.

Dilorio said that the bill being proposed in the legislature has not passed yet and he thinks they should proceed on the assumption that it might not be in place by the time Town Meeting happens in May. He said a decision was made at Town Meeting to move forward on this issue and he thinks they need to work together on a draft that they can present to the Town. Nesoff said they should set a schedule for working meetings, and said he thinks it would be helpful for everyone to have a copy of the latest version of the ADU article as well as a copy of the Governor's proposed legislation, which he thinks might be significantly less restrictive than their bylaw. Kelly agreed.

Dilorio said this made sense and said he would obtain copies of the Governor's proposed legislation and the latest version of the bylaw and distribute them to the group. Finn suggested that everyone review the bylaw and submit any proposed edits or changes to Dilorio. Dilorio said he would compile these comments and circulate them to the group along with possible dates for future working meetings. He thinks they should probably plan to meet again in mid-December. He said that the bylaw is close to being done so he feels they might be able to complete this in one or two meetings. Nesoff said that by mid-December they should have a good idea if there is going to be any action on the Governor's proposal this year.

A motion to adjourn made by Finn and seconded by Hennessey passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Recorded by Kathleen Fanning

Minutes approved:

Date: