

Richmond Planning Board Meeting
Town Hall
Minutes
June 13, 2022

Members present: Richard Bell, John Hanson (Chairman), Katherine Keenum

Members absent: Douglas Bruce, Peter Lopez

Also present: Patrick McColgan, Taconic Land Consultants, Pittsfield, Mass; Christian Hanson, Richmond resident

John Hanson called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

1. Patrick McColgan presented a surveyor's plan, a \$50.00 check, and an *Application for a Determination of Planning Board Jurisdiction and for Endorsement that Planning Board Approval under Subdivision Control Law Is Not Required, Form A* (ANR) on behalf of Thomas Scace to subdivide property at 86 Knox Road, Pittsfield, for purposes of obtaining a mortgage. Most of the property is in Pittsfield. The subdivision identifies Lot 1B with 3.299 acres as being in Richmond and specifies that Lot 1B is not a building lot because it lacks legal frontage under subdivision control in the Town of Richmond. (See Exhibit 1) Members agreed that the plan was straightforward. Mr. Hanson moved that the application be approved. Mr. Bell seconded. The vote to approve was unanimous 3–0. The plans were signed, and Ms. Keenum undertook to convey the check to the Town Treasurer.
2. Christian Hanson presented a surveyor's plan, a \$50.00 check, and an *ANR, Form A* to subdivide property at 81 State Road in support of a state Agricultural Preservation Restriction (APR) to be placed on 18.16 acres (see Exhibit 2). Members agreed that the plan was straightforward. Mr. Hanson moved that the application be approved. Mr. Bell seconded. The vote to approve was unanimous 3–0. The plans were signed, and Ms. Keenum undertook to convey the check to the Town Treasurer.
3. Mr. Hanson reported that the zoning bylaw amendment, "Recreational, Educational and Research Use of Open Space and Conservation Land," which was approved at the Annual Town Meeting on May 18, 2022, had been sent by the Richmond Town Clerk to the office of the Massachusetts Attorney General on May 23, 2022. The amendment does not become effective until the Attorney General's approval is received. A reply is expected in about two months.
4. Mr. Hanson suggested delaying the election of officers for two months while we wait to learn whether the Attorney General's review of the bylaw amendment will require further action. Mr. Bell and Ms. Keenum agreed. In the interim, Mr. Hanson will remain Chairman and Ms. Keenum will remain Clerk.
5. Mr. Hanson moved that the minutes of the hearing of April 25, 2022, be approved without change. Mr. Bell seconded. The motion carried unanimously, 3–0.
6. Mr. Hanson moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of April 25, 2022, be approved without change. Mr. Bell seconded. The motion carried unanimously, 3–0.
7. Having no additional information to offer, the Board followed its standard practice and took no action on a request for comment from the Board of Appeals on a Special Permit petition from Robert Bohlman to "increase size of single-family home on a non-conforming lot and encroaching on the setback for that lot."

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Katherine Keenum, Clerk

Exhibit 2: Plan of Hanson land at 81 State Road, Richmond

