



Town of Winthrop Planning Board

MINUTES

MONDAY November 20, 2023

7:00 PM

Harvey Hearing Room

Roll Call:

Chris Boyce-Chair	Absent
Gina DiMento, Esq.	Absent
Honor Merceret	Present
Kimberly Hirsh	Absent
Sarah Jane Fourness	Present
Alyssa Gamble	Present
Jason Pollutro	Present

The meeting was called to order at 7:00.

1. Site Plan Review:

- **50 Somerset Avenue-** The applicant requested a continuance to accommodate the engineer in editing the drawings. Motion to continue the hearing for 50 Somerset Avenue to the January 2024 meeting was made by Honor Merceret. Motion was seconded by Sarah Jane Fourness. All members voted in favor.

2. Other Updates:

- **5 Freemont Avenue-** The drawings from the beam cut back will be added to the December 2023 meeting for review. It was discussed previously that if the drawings are still not satisfactory, then a site visit may be necessary.
- **3A/MBTA Communities –** Winthrop has been awarded a \$48,000 totally funded grant for technical funding to help bring the Town into compliance for MBTA Communities. Grant to include public meetings and outreach. It is pending with the Town Manager at this time, will need to go out to bid for a consultant and procurement (hopefully by February 2024), with presentation to the Town Council of a preliminary plan by October 2024.

Meeting Minutes:

Review of the previous meeting minutes were discussed and accepted as amended understanding that there were a couple of typographical errors to be corrected. The Quorum was confirmed as long as the absent member read them. A motion to approve the minutes as amended was made by Sarah Jane Fourness. The motion was seconded by Honor Merceret. All members voted in favor.

Public Comment:

1. **Shannon Poulous- 131 Terrace Avenue (Precinct 3)-** This resident expressed concern and questions regarding the rules and regulations of the state and how they apply to Winthrop regarding transportation and housing (i.e., the 3A Communities named above). She would like to have more educational meetings offered to understand more about the school and the overall net positive.
2. **Todd Sacco- (Precinct 2)-** This resident expressed that he is also concerned about the schools and whether they are near or at capacity and how this will be addressed.

A motion to close the meeting to public comment was made by Alyssa Gamble. The motion was seconded by Sarah Jane Fourness. All members voted in favor.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Honor Merceret to adjourn the meeting at 7:30. The motion was seconded by Sarah Jane Fourness. All members present voted in favor.