Minutes of Charlestown Planning Board Meeting 09/05/2023

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Present: Alan Putnam – Chair, Alissa Bascom, Patricia Chaffee, Keith Weed, Richard Carter, William

Rescsanski – Ex-Officio

Alternates: Lenny Ostasiewski

Staff:

Guests: John & Mary Mitchell, Joanne Greenwood, Rebecca Decato, Richard & Kathleen Ferranti, Sharon

Francis

Mr. Putnam called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Mr. Putnam sat Mr. Ostasiewski to fill the seat of

absent member Mr. Hassett.

Approval of minutes of August 1, 2023: Motion by Mr. Weed to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Ms. Chaffee with one correction: line 34 changed the word from accept to approve, motion approved.

Agenda Review: none

Applications: 2023-SDFP-003 subdivision application. Mr. Ostasiewski made a motion to move application forward noting the deficiency in the posting omitting Ms. Frazier as a party, the correct map and lot as well as address were listed. Motion was seconded by Ms. Chaffee, motion approved.

Mr. Ostasiewski made a motion to accept the application as complete, Mr. Carter seconded the motion, motion passed.

A review of the application, Mr. Mitchell noted the plan. Mr. Ferranti asked if a home could go back there. Due to its location it would be land locked so not the most viable spot to build. Mr. Mitchell commented that he had no plans for that, and the area was a wetland. Mrs. Bascom made a motion to approve the application as final, Mr. Weed seconded the motion, motion passed.

Continued Business: none

Administration:

Ms. Emerson was absent, Mr. Putnam noted

New Business:

Mr. Putnam acknowledged Mrs. Francis. She asked the Board about certain signs and whether they were permitted. She referred to the small signs at the entry of Design Standard, and the flag type signs that are in front of businesses on Main Street and on Claremont Road (Route 12). After a discussion about signs and what the current ordinance contains, Mr. Carter noted that it may be time to review the sign ordinance if needed bring it forward as it would have to a warrant article to change this part of the zoning ordinance.

Communications: Mr. Putnam noted that there was a new application for the meeting on the September 19, 2023.

Motion by Mrs. Bascom to adjourn at 7:45pm, seconded by Mr. Ostasiewski. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Chaffee Recording Secretary