



TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT

PLANNING BOARD

ELIHU THOMSON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
22 MONUMENT AVENUE, SWAMPSCOTT, MA 01907

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MOLLY O'CONNELL, SENIOR PLANNER

JUNE 8, 2020 MEETING MINUTES

Time: 7:05 p.m. – 8:34 p.m.
Location: VIRTUAL MEETING
Members Present: A. Ippolito, G. Potts, B. Quinn, M. Proscia, D. Zucker
Members Absent: None
Others Present: Peter Spellios (Select Board Chair), Marzie Galazka (Dir. Community & Economic Development), Molly O'Connell (Senior Planner)

The meeting was video recorded.

Chairwoman of the Board, A. Ippolito called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

1. PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING BY-LAW

Relative to Swampscott Zoning By-Law the Planning Board of the Town of Swampscott will hold a public hearing to review the proposed amendment to the Zoning By-Law to add a new section allowing for as-of-right outdoor restaurant seating in the Town, for a temporary period through December 31, 2022. The proposed Zoning By-law amendment also includes design, site plan, parking and dimensional relief related to the proposed as-of-right-outdoor restaurant seating.

Peter Spellios, Chair of the Select Board, and Marzie Galazka, Director of Community & Economic Development, were present to speak on the item. Mr. Spellios gave an overview of why the Select Board requested Community Development to work with Town Counsel to draft this zoning by-law change to support small businesses affected by COVID-19 closures. The focus area for parklets that the Town is designing is public right-of-way on Humphrey Street, however businesses on Railroad Ave and Vinnin Square have also been contacted.

M. Proscia asked about ADA accessibility; Ms. Galazka said that any new pedestrian routes would be accessible.

Most Board members noted that approved of the extra seating over parking, although saw the need to preserve parking where possible for the businesses along Humphrey Street.

A. Ippolito asked if outdoor seating could be provided for those who don't have wait service. Staff is looking into it, but it is feasible. M. Proscia asked about parklets for non-restaurant uses (i.e. retail). Staff replied that interest beyond restaurants has been low, and would need to be addressed specifically in a by-law change.

A. Ippolito and M. Proscia wondered if there could be a clarification to the "liquor service" sentence. M. O'Connell replied that she would check with Town Counsel if that is needed.

G. Potts suggested that signage be posted prior to the parklet areas so cars would know that the streetscape has changed.

M. Proscia asked if any bus stops would be impacted; they will not.

Staff spoke about the corresponding guidelines that would be approved by the Select Board to accompany this change, and will send a draft copy of those guidelines to the Board for comment.

MOTION: A. Ippolito to recommend favorable action on the proposed zoning-bylaw change for Town Meeting, subject to any tweaks as mentioned. Seconded by M. Proscia; unanimously approved (5-0-0).

MINUTES & OTHER BUSINESS

MOTION: D. Zucker to approve the meeting minutes from the May 11, 2020 meeting. Seconded by G. Potts; Unanimously approved (5-0-0).

Meeting adjourned: 8:34 p.m.

Molly O'Connell
Senior Planner