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## PLANNING & ZONING

### SUBCOMMITTEE

MINUTES: APRIL 6, 2020

REMOTE

6:00 PM

APPROVED: APRIL 13, 2020

Members Present Remotely: Christine Long, Chair; Philip Ottaviani, Vice Chair; Tracey Bryant, Member

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### CALL TO ORDER

At 6:00 PM Ms. Long called the meeting to order and reviewed the meeting agenda.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*Document(s) Reviewed: 10853 Planning and Zoning Subcommittee DRAFT 2-24-2020 (1) CL rev*

**Ms. Bryant made a motion to approve the minutes of February 24, 2020 as amended; Mr. Ottaviani seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 3-0-0.**

### DISCUSSION AND REVIEW

Draft Amendment pursuant to MGL Chapter 40a Section 5 to add a new section to the Framingham Zoning Bylaw relative to a temporary moratorium on all new construction of Multi-Family Dwellings within the City of Framingham by adding a new Section I.F

*Document(s) Reviewed: Moratorium document final 3.27.2020; Apartments permitted from 2016 to date; Proposed Zoning & General Ordinance Amendments*

Ms. Long reviewed the intent of the temporary moratorium, which is to pause and complete the transportation traffic study, and determine the time required to develop a plan to move forward within the community.

The committee discussed the moratorium timeframe and the overall objective. Ms. Long noted that the general Ordinance Article 8 would require a revision. In addition, the City Solicitor would be consulted to ensure compliance.

Ms. Bryant stated her support of the moratorium due to the economic and environmental impacts, in addition to traffic.

Mr. Ottaviani expressed his support of the moratorium and the need for a traffic study to be completed soon, given there is a great deal of inventory to absorb.

The committee pointed out several areas within the city that suffer from heavy vehicle traffic, exacerbated by recently built apartment developments. Ms. Long also recommended involving MassDOT in the process, given they own and control of many of the city's roads.

Ms. Long opened the meeting for public participation.

Members of the public appeared via audio or video, including Sue Bernstein; Mary Kate Feeney; Mr. Silva; Brian Sullivan, District 4/Precinct 9. They stated their support of a nine-month moratorium, and possibly longer due to the stay-at-home order, to accommodate the time needed to complete a thorough traffic study and strategic plan. A petition, in support and signed by 365 residents, that was uncertified was also cited.

**Ms. Bryant made a motion to recommend to the full City Council to send the nine-month moratorium on all new construction to the Planning Board for a public hearing; Mr. Ottaviani seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 3-0-0.**

#### MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Ottaviani offered his thoughts and prayers to all of Framingham. He also mentioned an initiative supported by the 200 Foundation, where \$1,500 grants are given to seven local restaurants in order to provide free meals for first responders and others.

Ms. Bryant reported that the schools and student have been online for at least a week. She also raised a concern brought to her attention regarding a fear that area hospitals are shutting down. Said she would reach out to city resources to obtain accurate information to bring back to her district. Ms. Bryant also noted that she will reiterate to her constituents the need to maintain social distancing.

Ms. Long echoed the same concerns and asked residents to stop hoarding, so those in need can find supplies.

#### ADJOURNMENT

**At 6:40 PM Mr. Ottaviani made a motion to adjourn; Ms. Bryant seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 3-0-0.**

*Respectfully submitted,  
Lynda Caines*

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