

# Montague Planning Board

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**June 23, 2020 6:30 PM**

*Meeting held remotely in accordance with the Governor's Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G. L. c. 30A, § 20, relating to the 2020 novel Coronavirus outbreak emergency*

## MEETING MINUTES

**Members Present:** Ron Sicard (Chair), Fred Bowman, Elizabeth Irving, Matt Lord, George Cook

**Absent :** Bob Obear. **Staff:** Walter Ramsey

This meeting was recorded.

**6:30pm** Ron Sicard opened the meeting.

**6:30pm** Approval of the May 26, 2020 Minutes. *MOTION to accept the minutes by R.S. Second by F.B. Vote is unanimous. MOTION PASSES*

**6:31pm Subdivision Approval Not Required (ANR) #2020-03, filed by Nino Rodriguez of 224 Wendell Road** for a lot line adjustment. Map 26 Lot 20. There was a misunderstanding and the survey is 81X, not a lot line adjustment. Existing lines of ownership do not require the Board to sign-off. Application has been withdrawn. No action was taken.

**6:35pm Discussion Subdivision Plan for Map 3 lot 153 and Map 6 Lot 358 :** Walter seeks Board comments about the pros and cons of selling tax title possession properties located along the bike path and abutting 77 11<sup>th</sup> street, 320, 370, 400, and 500 Avenue A, Map 3 lot 153 and Map 6 Lot 358. Any sale would require a right of way for the bike path. Matt Lord comments that it is common for bike paths/rail trails to go through private property and liability is covered. The owner of 77 Eleventh Street is very interested in buying abutting land and has expressed interest in writing. Alternately, the Town could sell a narrower piece of land, and retain the bike path. The Board observed that 500 Avenue A is more attractive as a sale with the canal land. The Board recommends that the area be rezoned from ID to GB prior to subdivision.

**6:50pm:** Complete Street Update: WR is wrapping up the application, which fills in sidewalk gaps, connecting neighborhoods to the three schools on the hill serving K-12. The work is about \$390,000. E.I. comments that high-schoolers in particular are more connected to the community when they can walk. The Board is supportive.

**6:53pm:** "Shared Streets and Spaces" grant : Walter informs the Planning Board of a new grant. The "Shared Streets and Spaces" grant is designed to activate space for businesses doing business outdoor. WR describes Planning Department's approach, which is to address pedestrian safety on around 149 Third Street with sidewalks, clear parking access, crosswalk redesign and a pedestrian path. The location was identified as a gateway in the master plan. The Board is supportive.

*MOTION by R.S to adjourn. Seconded by E.I. vote is unanimous. MOTION PASSES 6:55PM*

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_