**Town of Essex Planning Board Meeting Minutes –June 16, 2021**

The Public Meeting of the Town of Essex Planning Board is to be held at the Essex Town Hall 2nd Floor Auditorium, 30 Martin Street, Essex, MA 01929 and will commence at 7:30 p.m.

In person attendance restriction has been lifted and Town Hall is open to the public as of June 1, 2021.

At 7:35 PM the Planning Board meeting was called to order by Chair, Kimberly Drake.

**Board Members present at Town Hall 2nd floor meeting room:** Westley Burnham, Kim Drake, Michael McConnell, Lisa O’Donnell

**Board Members absent:**  Shelly Bradbury, Matt Greco, S. Sturgis Crocker

**Administrative Assistant**: Mary Heeney

**Building Inspector’s report:**

**117 Western Avenue, Map 142-038**

The Building Inspector asked if the board would allow a house currently under construction to be moved forward fourteen feet from the original plan. The plan was originally approved on 11/18/2020.

Wes Burnham made a motion to approve the relocation of a single family house located at 117 Western Avenue fourteen feet.

Michael McConnell seconded the motion.

The board approved unanimously.

**1 Laurel Lane, Map 209-29 –Laurel Lane LLC**

The Building Inspector presented an application for site excavation, concrete pads and placement of storage containers at 40x150 ft .each for rental at 1 Laurel Lane. The board reviewed this as a Site Plan Review. (The total s.f. would be 18,000 s.f.) The Building Inspector informed the board that the application had all the necessary approvals and that there would be no plumbing or offices. The power would be pole fed and there would be solar panels on the containers. Kim Drake suggested that the pole fed lighting be downward. Driveway paving would be in the future.

Michael McConnell made a motion to approve the Site Plan Review for sit excavation, concrete pads and placement of storage containers at 40 x 150 feet each to be located at 1 Laurel Lane.

Wes Burnham seconded the motion.

The board approved unanimously.

**25 Story Street, Map 129-43 – Jeffrey Lane**

Review of two applications for 25 Story Street.

1. Deck addition 40x16

The board reviewed the application, there were no questions or comments.

Wes Burnham made a motion to approve the application for a deck at 25 Story Street as presented.

Michael McConnell seconded the motion.

The board approved unanimously.

1. Move existing shed to a different location on property. 6-4.2 finding.

The application was to move an existing shed and attach to the back of a garage.

Michael McConnell made a motion that the board approve the 6-4.2 finding stating “that the proposed alteration shall not be substantially more detrimental than the existing nonconforming use to the neighborhood”.

Wes Burnham seconded the motion.

The board approved unanimously.

**Board review of Meeting Minutes:**

The board reviewed the Meeting Minutes of June 2, 2021

Michael McConnell made a motion to approve as amended

Lisa O’Donnell seconded the motion

The board voted unanimously to accept the minutes as amended.

**Adjourn:**

Michael McConnell made a motion to adjourn the meeting

Lisa O’Donnell seconded the motion

The motion was unanimously approved by the Board Members The Chair declared the Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.