Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes December 2, 2023

A meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals was held in person at the intersection of Cross Street and Randall Road at 9am.

Present: David Hartnagel, Andrew Crosby, Andrew DeMore, and Ernest Dodd

Associate Members: Leonard Golder, Maria McFarland, Michael Naill

Absent: Ruth Kennedy Sudduth

Also Present: Planning Director Valerie Oorthuys, Joe Frappier of Stow Acres Country Club

Site Visit to 58 Randall Road

Joe Frappier of Stow Acres Country Club introduced himself to the Board and took small groups of members onto the private property to view the proposed planting area at the maintenance building. A preliminary sketch of locations for the plantings, titled "Revised planting plan.pdf" was provided to members at the site visit.

The first group of members consisted of Ernie Dodd, Andy DeMore and associate member Maria McFarland. The second group of members consisted of David Hartnagel, Andrew Crosby, and associate members Lenny Golder and Michael Naill. The groups were separated so as to avoid a quorum of members on private property.

During the second group's tour, remaining members noted concern for communicating their desired outcome to the applicant. Valerie Oorthuys stated that the applicant is responsible for detailing their proposed outcome so that Board members can comment on the locations of plantings at their next public meeting of December 4, 2023.

During the second group's tour, remaining members indicated they felt there was little room for added plantings in the vicinity of the maintenance building due to the stone wall, existing trees, and boulders. A member suggested the applicant consider fencing rather than landscaping.

Once all members returned to the public meeting space on the roadway, members agreed to discuss their impressions of the site further at their next public meeting, and then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Oorthuys, AICP Planning Director