

TOWN OF NORWICH
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD
MINUTES
Thursday, October 7, 2021

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Members Present: Arline Rotman (Chair), Richard Stucker, Don McCabe, Matt Stuart, Linda Gray, Sue Pitiger, Patrick Bradley
Alternates Present: None
Staff: Rod Francis (Clerk)
Public: Linda Cook, Molly Turco, Christine Richard, Adam Madonia, Wendy Teller-Elsberg, Tony Daigle

- 1) **Call to Order:** Roll Call 7:04pm.
- 2) **Agenda:** Pitiger moved and McCabe seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried 7 – 0.
- 3) **Minutes of May 20, 2021**
Stucker moved and McCabe seconded a motion to approve the minutes of August 19, 2021. Motion carried 6 – 0 – 1. For: Rotman, Stucker, McCabe, Stuart, Gray, Bradley. Against: none Abstain – Pitiger.
- 4) **Public Comments and Announcements:** none
- 5) **Public Hearings 7:26PM:**
#49BCU21 – Conditional Use Review to hear an application by the Norwich School District for 22 Church Street, Tax Map 20-238.000, for a proposed Trail, 63 feet x 4 feet with a drainage structure. Application to be reviewed under the Norwich Zoning Regulations.
Chair Rotman opened the hearing and administered the oath to those who indicated that they intended to provide testimony in the hearing.
Pitiger moved and Stucker seconded a motion to admit into evidence the exhibits from the applicants. Motion carried 7 – 0. For: Rotman, McCabe, Stuart, Stucker, Gray, Pitiger, Bradley.
Pitiger moved and McCabe seconded a motion to admit into evidence the Staff Report by the Zoning Administrator as ZA - 2. Motion carried 7 – 0. For: Rotman, McCabe, Stuart, Stucker, Gray, Pitiger, Bradley.
Tony Daigle Facilities Manager with SAU70 represented the Norwich School District and introduced the project to the board.
Questions from board members followed.
Pitiger asked why the proposed trail is not along the fence line. Daigle replied that the applicant had received input from the Zoning Administrator.
McCabe asked whether there would be a caution sign or crosswalk added to the driveway leading to

the trail. Daigle replied that the sidewalk on the edge of the driveway provides pedestrian access for the school buildings without the need to cross the driveway.

Chair Rotman queried the applicant as to what happened at the end of the proposed Architectural Barriers Act (ABA) trail in the area of the primitive trail. Daigle replied that he had no knowledge of whether a wheelchair could navigate this section of primitive trail.

Chair Rotman then invited questions and comments from the public.

Molly Turco wanted to know the context of the project. Daigle said the purpose of the project is to allow access to an outdoor classroom space for walker and wheelchair users.

Christine Richard expressed concern about the establishment of a firepit near the beginning of the proposed trail. In response to a question from Bradley seeking clarification as to whether this topic was germane to the review Chair Rotman said that this matter was a concern of the school, not this review.

Wendy Teller-Elsberg expressed her support for the project.

Stucker moved and Bradley seconded a motion to close the hearing. Motion carried 7 – 0.

6) Other Business: none

Meeting Adjourned: 8:05PM

Respectfully submitted,

Rod Francis

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TBD

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