



Town of Ashland

MASSACHUSETTS

Design Review Committee Meeting Minutes

Remote via Zoom Video Conferencing

March 24, 2022

Meeting called to order, 7:10pm. C.Rooney, W. Novakowski, U. Pawnarkar, H. Stein present (Quorum)

First item recognized that both 501 Pond and 100 Chestnut projects are continued, per the developers` requests.

Second: it was decided that there was no need to re-discuss bylaw changes presented to Planning Board. Indications were that the PB would not address changes before the spring town meeting.

Discussion was had regarding the presentations of both developers of 501 Pond and 100 Chestnut at the prior Planning Board meeting, and the DRC opinions of such.

Hannah Stein (new alternate member) was brought up to speed regarding prior discussions of parking lot designs to make said lots “greener” and more environmentally beneficial (specifically a lot in Newport, R.I. with many advanced features)

Discussion followed examining best practices for parking areas regarding snow storage, water mitigation, improving the density of plantings (groundcover/shrubbery/trees).

Discussed need for Restaurant Outdoor Patio standards, create a checklist of town agencies needed to be contacted (Fire Safety, Select Board, Board of Health) and the issues each would be concerned with, e.g.- Method of cooking/transport, raised or street level area, need for water/electricity, handicap accessibility, barriers, distance from parking lot. Also discussed was the need to make such spaces “greener”.

Following the above, a request for motion to adjourn was made, so moved by Bill Novakowski, seconded by Hannah Stein. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.