



Planning Board

Minutes

Date: February 19, 2019
Time: 11:00 am

Members Present Jim Bagnall
Daphne Griffin
Debbie Johnston
Dot Campbell
Bob Smith

Staff Present Andrew Daggett

Others Present Councillors John MacFarlane, Alan Munro, Cameron MacLean,
Cody Jenkins, Mayor MacAulay, CAO Jill Walsh, Andy Daggett,
APM representatives Cain Arsenault and Brian Gillis, Kathy
Ehman, Mark Baker

1. Call to Order

Chair Bagnall called the meeting to order at 11:01.

2. Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes attached.

3. Items to be Addressed

3.1 Rezoning for 56 unit apartment

Dot Campbell declared a conflict on this item.

Cain Arsenault and Brian Gillis from APM gave those present a presentation of the proposed development. They answered questions on the layout and arrangement of the apartments, why they need to use MacIntyre Ave for access, and that there are 2 other 4 story buildings in Montague now (Beck's Furniture and the Riverhouse Inn). They explained that this development would help bring/retain people in this area, and that having people makes it more feasible for existing services to survive and new ones to develop. When asked if APM would be back next year to request more rezoning, Mr. Gillis stated that they could only deal with what they had in front of them right now. APM has owned the property for 20 years and is only now looking to develop it, so there is no way to know how long it would be before the next proposal or what it would be. Mr. Arsenault answered questions about the access and stated that the master plan for the area always included a through street from MacIntyre Ave to Main Street but that it was too expensive to include in this project. Mr. Gillis stated that the time frame for this project was being controlled by the Province and they need to get started in the next 30 days in order to access the funding and stay on target. He also suggested that the rezoning is the first step in the project and that there would still have to be a development application with stamped plans submitted for approval.

New letters to be sent out to home owners within 200' of the subject property advising them of the new plan and new Special Meeting time and location.

4. Other

4.1 MacIntyre Ave to Main Street through street

Brian Gillis suggested that it may be worthwhile for the Town to contact TIE and start discussions about the through street from MacIntyre Ave to Main Street. Having the street completed might expedite further development in the area, and the time may be right to explore options and possibilities with the Province.

Moved By Debbie Johnston

Seconded By Bob Smith

Contact the Dept of Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy (TIE) and request a meeting to discuss a possible street from MacIntyre Ave to Main Street.

Carried

5. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:46.

Moved By Debbie Johnston

Motion to adjourn.

Carried

Chair Jim Bagnall