



***Waltham City Council
Ordinances and Rules Committee
Minutes
Monday, November 1, 2021
Hoover Committee Room
610 Main Street
Waltham, MA 02452***

Chairman McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 8:55 pm.

Attendance

Present:

George A. Darcy III

Caren Dunn

John J. McLaughlin

Cathyann Harris

Randall J. LeBlanc

Absent: none

Councillor Harris moved approval of minutes from the October 18, 2021 meeting. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

Special Permit Modification for Bishops Forest

John Scarpaci the property manager from Bishops Forest said that they wanted to expand the deck at unit 91 by 4 feet but that they would like to be able to make changes like this going forward without coming to the Council. Councillor Darcy said he felt this would require a public hearing. Councillor LeBlanc asked about the process to replace the deck and what it would look like. Councillor Harris moved to approve the expansion of the deck but to deny all other relief. The owner of the Unit Anthony Goodman spoke in favor of the matter. The modification to expand the deck was approved on a voice vote and the matter was forwarded to the full Council with a recommendation for approval.

Resolution Concerning Increased Notification to Waltham Residents in regards to Proposed Special Permits and Zoning District and Zoning Map Changes before the Waltham City Council
Councillor Darcy moved to take the matter from the table. Councillor Darcy moved to hear from Assistant City Solicitor Patricia Azadi. The motion was approved on a voice vote. Attorney Azadi said that there would be issues with identifying statutory abutters from the additional abutters the City is notifying. Attorney Azadi presented maps that showed the increased radius would require notifications to go to thousands of residents rather than under a one hundred in many cases. Councillor Darcy asked about linking the voter database. Councillor Harris asked about appeal rights. Councillor LeBlanc asked about posting a sign at the location like they do in Newton. Councillor Darcy also spoke about electronic posting. Councillor Darcy moved to lay the matter on the table. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

Zoning Review Resolution

Councillor LeBlanc moved to take the matter from the table. The motion was approved on a voice vote. Councillor LeBlanc spoke about small above ground pools. Councillor Darcy said he is concerned about allowing them in the side yard. Councillor Harris said there are many of these on

the Southside. Councillor LeBlanc moved to lay the matter on the table. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

Councillor Darcy moved to adjourn at 9:35 pm. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph W. Vizard, Assistant City Clerk