

Meeting Minutes
May 24th, 2022
5 Auburn Street RFP Committee

Present:

Martin Kessel, 5 Auburn Street Committee Member
Geoffrey Lewis, 5 Auburn Street Committee Member
Jon Marshal, Deputy Town Administrator, Operations
Andy Meyer, 5 Auburn Street Committee Member
Amy Mistrot, 5 Auburn Street Committee Member

Brad Coyman, Resident of Auburn Street

Location: Zoom

Andy Meyer, 5 Auburn Street RFP Committee Chair, convened the meeting at 7:32 p.m. with Martin Kessel, Geoffrey Lewis, and Amy Mistrot present for the RFP Committee and Jon Marshall, Deputy Town Administrator, Operations. Brad Coyman, Auburn Street abutter was also present.

Amy Mistrot was unable to connect with the meeting audio so had to communicate via the chat feature for the balance of the meeting as reconnecting and calling in via phone was not working.

Meeting minutes from 5/4 had been submitted for review and approval. Amy Mistrot had asked members to specifically review if the language around the historical designation was accurate. It was decided that the language should be revised to simplify that the option to use Natick's historical preservation by-law may allow greater density requirements yet would also provide protections for the preservation of the existing structure on the property.

With the suggested edit to the meeting minutes, Geoff Lewis moved to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Martin Kessel. The meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

The bulk of the 5/4 meeting was spent reviewing the included red-line version as prepared by Geoff Lewis to reflect the stakeholder interests shared during the 4/27 and 4/30 public meetings as well as from feedback provided by Mike Hickey relative to the Select Board's interest in the sale of the property.

The committee reviewed each of the red-line amendments prepared by Geoff. Specific time was spent discussing -
Section 6 - relative to abutter impact, stronger financing language to protect the Town, correct references to the Natick 2030+ Plan, and references to applicable federal, state, and local permits versus special permits

Section 7 - relative to public access to the Charles River as a highly desirable feature but would not overly condition applicants and whether to specifically address the historical preservation by-law feature. The interest was to retain the Highly Desirable status as a true differentiator amongst applicants.

Section 8 – change “the Review Committee will make a recommendation to the Natick Affordable Housing Town” to the “Natick Select Board”

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 6/1 at 6:15 p.m. via Zoom. Geoff will revise the draft RFP to reflect the consensus reached during the 5/4 meeting for what is anticipated to be a final review at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m

Approved 6/1/22 - submitted by Amy Mistrot

Attachment: 5 Auburn Street DRAFT Red-line RFP - 5.24.22