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TOWN OF NEWTOWN

DESIGN ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

August 21, 2018, 7:00 PM
Meeting Room 1, 3 Primrose Street

Present Members: Phil Clark, Kathy Geckle, Peter Cloudas, Frank Caico
Also Present: Georgia Contois, Clerk

New Business:

Members were introduced to Joelle Vicari who has applied as a candidate for the Design Advisory Board (DAB). Ms. Vicari is a newer resident to the Town and has a background in Urban Planning. Board members asked various questions about architecture and site review. Ms. Vicari left the room so the Board could deliberate. All members noted her extensive background and likeable personality, but talked about their goal for filling the vacancy. Mr. Caico said that he would like to see someone geared more towards architecture or landscaping than zoning. He did not want to see the position filled for the sake of having a full Board. Mr. Cloudas argued that Ms. Vicari could be helpful to the discussion and as an alternate, would not always be voting.

Mr. Clark asked for a vote to appoint Ms. Vicari to the Board:

Mr. Clark... NAY

Ms. Geckle... NAY

Mr. Cloudas... AYE

The motion was not fulfilled. Members agreed that Ms. Vicari would be a great candidate for any of the Land Use Commissions such as Planning and Zoning and Inland Wetlands.

Mr. Clark asked the clerk to organize a meeting with the Planning and Zoning Commission and Land Use to get some information on their expectations for the DAB. The Board is looking to create guidelines for applicants and get more involved in projects to better serve the community. Another goal of the Board is to reach out to their colleagues and the public to find someone geared towards Landscape Architecture or Architecture to add to their team.

With no other business, Ms. Geckle made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Cloudas seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:11PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Georgia Contois, Clerk