

The Easton Planning Commission met on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Planning Commissioners Hubert Etchison, Ron Shipman, William Heilman, Frank Pintabone, Patti Bruno, and Kim Wagner were in attendance. Planning Administrator Carl Manges and City Solicitor, Joel Scheer, were also present.

Approval of Agenda – The Agenda was approved with item #8 being added.

Approval of minutes from February 1, 2023 – Minutes were approved with a minor change.

Privilege of the Floor – None

Special Exception for 516 Ann Street – Mr. Manges read the proposal for a fence. The applicant, Ms. Santos, said she wants the 6-foot fence so to keep her son from wondering off the property. Mr. Etchison asked if the fence would be enclosed in the front. Ms. Santos said the sides will be 6-foot. Mr. Etchison asked if she knew where her property line was. Ms. Santos said she wasn't sure. Mr. Pintabone made a motion to accept staff's resolution for recommending to the Zoning Hearing Board to grant this application with Mr. Shipman seconding. All were in favor except for Mr. Etchison who voted no.

Special Exception for 915-25 Northampton Street – Mr. Manges read the proposal for an Educational Service. Ms. Wagner asked what the school will consist of. Miss Naphtalee Jones said there will be a computer lab and a classroom. Mr. Pintabone asked how many computers there will be. Miss Jones said they are still in the planning stages and there will be 15 students at a time. Mr. Heilman asked about the parking. Miss Jones said they have two parking lots with 12 parking spaces. Mr. Shipman asked where the students will enter the school. Miss Jones said from Northampton Street. Mr. Etchison asked about the relationship of Platform Five and the technical school. Miss Jones said the owner of Platform Five and the school were the same. Ms. Bruno asked what the hours of the school are. The owner said it will be a night school. Mr. Pintabone made a motion to accept the amended resolution with #3 added, "The Planning Commission has concerns about the impact of parking on the community. The Zoning Hearing Board should consider the variance carefully", to accept the recommendation to the Zoning Hearing Board to grant this application with Ms. Bruno seconding. All were in favor.

Discussion of Planning Commission start time – Mr. Etchison stated he has a difficult time being at the 6pm start time during months he coaches. Mr. Scheer stated that this was not an item that could be voted on at this meeting since it wasn't advertised 24 hours before hand as an action item. The Commission asked staff to provide a resolution at a future meeting with different start times from April to August and September to March.

General Discussion – Mr. Pintabone questioned off-street parking within the City and the variances that the Zoning Hearing Board were granting. He suggested crafting a letter from the Planning Commission to the Zoning Hearing Board.

Mr. Etchison adjourned the meeting at 7:26pm.