



CITY OF WATERTOWN, NEW YORK

CITY PLANNING BOARD

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MEETING: October 4, 2022

PRESENT:

Larry Coburn, Planning Board Chair
Michelle Capone, Acting Chair for meeting
T.J. Babcock
Neil Katzman

ALSO:

Michael A. Lumbis, Planning and
Community Development Director
Jennifer Voss, Senior Planner
Geoffrey Urda, Planner

ABSENT:

Linda Fields
Michael Pierce

Acting Planning Board Chair, Michelle Capone, called the October 4, 2022, Planning Board meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. Ms. Capone then asked for a motion regarding the Minutes from the September 6, 2022, Planning Board Meeting.

Mr. Babcock made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Mr. Katzman seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

SUBDIVISION FINAL PLAT APPROVAL – 148 PLEASANT STREET NORTH PARCEL NUMBER 6-15-119.000

The Planning Board then considered a request submitted by the City of Watertown for a three-lot subdivision of 148 Pleasant Street North, Parcel Number 6-15-119.000.

City Planning Staff represented the request. Ms. Voss said that this subdivision was the final step in the Ogilvie Site cleanup process and that the City was splitting the land by proposed parcel use. She said that the proposed northern and southern parcels, fronting respectively on Pleasant Street North and California, were planned for residential development and the central parcel in between would become parkland. She said that the City previously abandoned a small segment of Columbia Street adjacent to the site that was formerly a paper street and that parcel will be incorporated into the parcel that fronts Pleasant Street North.

Ms. Capone then said that this request required a public hearing and that it was almost time to open said hearing. Ms. Capone said that a public hearing had been scheduled for the subdivision and she then read aloud the legal notice that had been published in the *Watertown Daily Times*. She called the public hearing to order at 3:05 p.m. and asked for public comment on the request. Hearing no comments, Ms. Capone closed the public hearing at 3:06 p.m.

Ms. Capone then said that the Planning Board needed to consider the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Short Environmental Assessment Form (EAF). She noted that on Part 1 of the form, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's (DEC) mapping application automatically checked yes to three questions, due respectively to State Street's eligibility for historic designation, the City's footprint within the defined habitat of the Northern Long-Eared Bat and the Ogilvie Site's history as the subject of remediation for hazardous waste.

The Planning Board then considered each question on Part 2 of the EAF one-by-one, answering no to all of them. Mr. Katzman then made a motion to issue a Negative Declaration for the proposed subdivision pursuant to the requirements of SEQRA. Mr. Babcock seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

Mr. Babcock then moved to approve the request submitted by the City of Watertown for a three-lot subdivision of 148 Pleasant Street North, Parcel Number 6-15-119.000. Mr. Katzman seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

Mr. Katzman then moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Babcock seconded the motion, and all voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 3:09 p.m.