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ORLEANS PLANNING BOARD

APRIL 26, 2022 – Hybrid Meeting Minutes

A hybrid meeting of the Orleans Planning Board was called to order at 6:00 p.m. from the Nauset Meeting Room at Town Hall. **Present:** **Vice-Chairman:** Debra Oakes; **Clerk:** Alice Thomason Van Oot. **Regular Members:** Charles Bechtold and Richard Hartmann. **Associate:** John Ostman (via Zoom). **Planning Department Staff:** George Meservey. **Absent:** **Chairman:** Chet Crabtree; **Associate:** Joy Cuming and **Board of Selectmen Liaison:** Mefford Runyon

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments at this point in the meeting.

LOT RELEASE – DONALD AND LAURIE WILLIAMS, SKAKET BEACH ROAD

Meservey stated that the application was originally for a three-lot subdivision approved by the Planning Board in 2021 and placed under covenant for required improvements before any lots can be sold. Meservey reported that a request has been submitted for a Complete Release of Covenant for Lots 1-3 shown on a Definitive Plan of Land prepared for Donald Williams & Laurie Williams by Ryder & Wilcox, Scale 1" = 40', dated February 25, 2021.

MOTION: On a motion by **Richard Hartmann**, seconded by **Charles Bechtold**, the Planning Board voted to release lots 1-3 shown on a Definitive Plan of Land prepared for Donald Williams & Laurie Williams by Ryder & Wilcox, Scale 1" = 40', dated February 25, 2021, provided the driveway apron is completed.

VOTE: 5-0-0 The motion passed unanimously.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Streetsense Speakers/Attendees:

- Nor Asri
- Lorissa Ortiz
- Joe Panella

Oakes reported that a draft plan was presented to the Planning Board in March. Plan is available for review on the town's website. Meservey noted that Streetsense has obtained community input from various stakeholders for the proposed Economic Development Plan. Nor Asri led Planning Board members through a PowerPoint presentation of observations and proposals for economic development in town. Asri noted that the town needs new types of tenants that cannot be replicated digitally will thrive in the long run. Asri stated that the town has natural assets that drive the economy. Asri suggested that an Economic Development

leader would be useful to coordinate all of the groups in this process. Planning Board members discussed blank business facades in town that could be spruced up. Planning Board members noted the usefulness for businesses to have digital marketing. Planning Board members acknowledged that the comment period will remain open until May 6th and then the Economic Development Plan will be presented to the Select Board for endorsement. Meservey noted that the FY23 budget includes a request for funds for a full-time Assistant Planner who could possibly take initial responsibility for economic development.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: On a motion by **Alice Thomason Van Oot**, seconded by **Richard Hartmann**, the Board voted to adjourn the Planning Board meeting at **7:30 p.m.**

VOTE: 5-0-0 The motion passed unanimously.

SIGNED:  **DATE:** 
(Alice Thomason Van Oot, Clerk)

LIST OF HANDOUTS:

LOT RELEASE – DONALD AND LAURIE WILLIAMS, SKAKET BEACH ROAD

- Letter requesting release of Lots 1-3

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

- PowerPoint presentation of Economic Development Plan