



CITY OF WARWICK

FRANK J. PICOZZI, MAYOR

**City of Warwick
Planning Board Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2023**

Members Present: Benny Bergantino
Steve Catalano
Kevin Flynn
Cynthia Gerlach
Michael Penta
Linda Polselli

Members Absent: Ashley Cullion
Philip Slocum

Also in Attendance: Thomas Kravitz, Director/Administrative Officer
Lidia Cruz-Abreu, Asst. Administrative Officer
Dan Geagan, Deputy Director
Eric Hindinger, Engineering Project Manager
David Petrarca, Solicitor

Vice-Chair Flynn called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

On the motion of Ms. Gerlach, seconded by Mr. Penta, the Board voted to approve the March 2023 meeting minutes.

A. Public Informational Meeting

1. Conditional Master Plan – Zoning Recommendation; Knight Street Solar. Plat 275 Lots 38 & 52.
2. Advisory Recommendation to the Zoning Board

The Applicant is seeking Conditional Master Plan approval with an advisory recommendation to the Zoning Board of Review for a Special Use Permit to allow for a solar development. The Applicant is proposing to construct a 998.5 kilowatt Direct Current solar development on approximately 3.9 acres of the 16.3 acre the property. One driveway is proposed to extend from the existing curb cut on Knight Street to an access driveway onto the western portion of the site. Landscaping is proposed to buffer the view of the solar array from neighboring properties.

Mr. Penta, seconded by Ms. Polselli, made a motion to open the public meeting. All in favor, none opposed.

Mr. Penta, seconded by Ms. Polselli made a motion to continue the Public Information Meeting and Advisory Recommendation to the Zoning Board to the May 10, 2023 meeting of the Warwick Planning Board, to be held at 6p.m. in the Annex Community Room located at 65 Centerville Road Warwick, RI. All in favor, none opposed.

B. City Council Advisory Recommendation

1. Amendment to City Council Ordinance O-83-2, 989 Centerville Road.

(Note: Ms. Gerlach recused from hearing this matter).

The Applicant sought a favorable advisory recommendation to amend Ordinance O-83-2 (2/23/1983) to remove a restriction requiring a single, non - drive-in restaurant use and to also allow more than one, nonresidential building or permitted uses on a lot.

Mr. Catalano, seconded by Mr. Penta, made a motion to forward a favorable recommendation to the Warwick City Council to amend Ordinance O-83-2, removing requested restrictions and allowing for more than one, permitted, non-residential use and/or building on the lot. All in favor; none opposed; Ms. Gerlach recused.

Ms. Gerlach, seconded by Ms. Polselli, made a motion to adjourn at 6:30 pm. All in favor; none opposed.