

Drew Gardens Task Force

Meeting Minutes

August 25, 2016

7:00 pm, Town Hall Meeting Room

Westford, Ma 01886

Approved August 31, 2016

Present: Andrea Peraner-Sweet, Charlie Andrews (alternate), Keith Bohne, Bob Boonstra, Jane Calvin, Jim Geraghty, Kate Hollister (phone), Joyce Minosh, Juliette Mount, Bob Shaffer, Bob Waskiewicz, Bob Webb

Open Forum: Bob Krankewicz read a letter to the Board of Assessors RE tax treatment of the Drew Gardens parcel.

APR Review. Juliette walked through the matrix produced by the APR subgroup, covering the Statement of Purpose, Definitions, Retained Rights, Prohibited Uses, and Approval Process for Permitted Activities. Andrea summarized an opinion from Town Council that adding a restaurant as a Retained Right was legally permissible, even after the document had been executed, and that the subsequent APR clauses would not apply were that to be done. No position was taken on any APR paragraphs. There was a consensus to devote the next meeting to completing the APR analysis.

Andrea agreed to ask a number of questions of Town Council, including the meaning of the signature of the State of Massachusetts (requested by Bob Jeffries, audience) and a question of the Department of Agriculture as to whether they assert a legal interest in approving changes to these APRs (requested by Bob Krankewicz, audience). Bob Webb asked for a summary of the impact of adding (or not adding) the restaurant as a Retained Right; Bob Boonstra agreed to provide his view.

The next two meetings will be Wed 31 Aug and Wed 7 Sep.

Adjournment., Charlie moved for adjournment, Bob Schaffer seconded, passed unanimously by roll call.

Minutes taken by Bob Boonstra