

Present: 14 Participants

The meeting began at 6:30 pm

Rick Redniss- Redniss & Mead answered questions and gave updates on Vitti Construction:

The big crusher that is supposed to be inside is broken but the part has been received so the big crusher will be fixed and then moved back into the building. The little crusher that is usually on job sites will continue to go to job sites. The houses on 31-35 Harbor Street are slow getting to but plans should be going to Tony Straza for processing building permits by the end of July. Filters are being changed by Tony every 2-weeks. Tony will be asked to keep a log to track the changing of the filters.

Question: Elise Coleman mentioned that it has been 7 years with the Vitti issue. She asked about the beeping at 5:30 am, the building obliterated by dust and trucks still parking on the streets. How much notice should be given to see what's going on at the Vitti site?

Answer: Within an hour someone from Redniss & Mead will show up. The Beeping should not be happening at 5:30am as they should not be operating before 8:00 am. The beeping can't be disabled due to safety standards. Pertaining to the dust a walk around can be scheduled to see where the dust is emitting.

Question: Shouldn't Vitti be spraying and street cleaning?

Answer: It is assumed that Vitti is street cleaning and that all trucks should be covered when leaving the site.

Question: Is the signage for operation posted?

Answer: There should be signage of operation but will check. Will look into getting a list of rules to give out to Vitti customers

Question: What happens when the rules are broken?

Answer: Don't know exactly what happens when the rules are broken, will have to check with Tom Cassone for infractions. Although the crushing is based on a 5 year renewal so if there are many infractions the zoning board doesn't have to give Vitti an extension to use the crusher. Rick will seek permission to get a draft to create a pamphlet that can be given out to neighbors.

Question: Sue Halpern mentioned the Stipulation agreement that was issued back on March 13, 2019 which states no crushing is permitted of rock larger than 4 inches in diameter, No Reprocessing conversion or change of form on the premises, stock piling or screening, Demolition only in an enclosed building and the building is not enclosed

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Answer: Will check the diameter of the rock being crushed; will get the doors that are being used to be one in and one out and not continually open.

The houses on 31-35 Harbor Street will return to residential with no commercial use

Canal Street Community Space: A CO will be issued in the fall and Hudson Table will open in the fall. Mike Hyman mentioned a number of proposed events:

- Gallery display space with seasonal cultural displays
- Champions for Philanthropy where athletes give back to the community
- Career and educational use
- Events that will draw seniors
- The space will be available for individuals to have parties and small events
- Looking at setting up By-Laws or an operational protocol
- Donations will be accepted to cover the cost for the use of the space

Question: Have outreach been done to get other organizations involved?

Answer: Outreach was done early on and positive feedback was received

Collaboration regarding the community space will be on the NRZ Zoom agenda every month. Hopefully Hudson Table will be available for the September NRZ Zoom meeting.

Question: What about parking for this community space and will there be a fee for events?

Answer: The space is conceived to be for neighborhood events which would make it walkable. Looking into creating parking on Canal Street and John Street which would help with traffic calming. There is no fee charged by the owners of the building the by-laws will determine the fee.

Rick gave an update on Yale & Towne advising that the owners have been very responsible in relocating the residents and have closed down the building. The pilings under the building are rotting. The zoning board is hiring someone to make sure that demolition is an option. A new design has been configured for the building which will add an extra floor on the top. The goal is to replicate the building with the same basic height

Question: How can the bonus be taken if they are tearing down the building?

Answer: The regulations were rewritten creating historic replication as an option

Sue Halpern-South End Study Committee gave an informational update on the South End Historical District:

- The South End is on the National Historical Register in which it started out with 449 houses now there is less than 200
- The goal is to help preserve architectural character while still allowing growth and change.

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- The Study committee received a grant to hire a consultant from the state to put together a map with the current inventory of contributing buildings , you can get updates on Facebook
- A preliminary study will be done by August
- The committee meets every 3rd Saturday of the month which is posted on the City Web page.

Question: Have the boundaries been established?

Answer: Currently working on the boundaries. As soon as the consultant is finished a map will be sent out. Sue will invite the consultant to the September NRZ Zoom Meeting to show the map

Ted Ferrarone of Building Land & Technology gave an update on the events that will be held during the summer:

- Arts Festival July 23rd to July 24th
- Farmers Market every weekend of the summer
- Ton of events with the South End Library held in the park

Question: How are the rentals going on Henry Street?

Answer: Have screened the 1st batch of applicants and the process is going smoothly

John Wooten will reach out to Nick Evans of Full Court Peace to attend the September NRZ Zoom meeting to discuss possibilities for the use of the Lathan Wider Basketball Court,

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm