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AGENDA

NATICK AVENUE SOLAR ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING #2

Tuesday, September 22nd, 6:30 PM – Teleconference via Zoom

TO JOIN BY COMPUTER, use the following link:

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An ad hoc *Advisory Committee* was formed consistent with Condition #3 of the **Natick Avenue Solar** Major Land Development, Master Plan approval. The purpose of the Advisory Committee is to work with the City's selected landscape architect, Sara Bradford of Bradford & Associates, to review the landscape buffer plan prior to the Development Plan Review and Preliminary Plan application review processes.

The Advisory Committee is comprised of the applicant's representative Lindsay McGovern, Senior Planner Joshua Berry, City Plan Commissioner Fred Vincent, and Drake Patten and Daniel Zevon as the elected representatives of the abutting and surrounding neighborhood.

The applicant is tasked with working with this ad hoc Advisory Committee using an inclusive approach, taking into consideration buffer widths, both the understory and canopy as to appear naturalized, and focus on native species to include a mix of maturities, coniferous, and deciduous plant types.

- **No public comments** shall be taken during the meeting
- The plan can be found/downloaded by clicking the "Natick Avenue Solar Advisory Committee" button on the City's Planning Department webpage at:
<https://www.cranstonri.gov/departments/planning/>

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **REVIEW OF MINUTES**

- Minutes of the August 25, 2020 Advisory Committee Meeting

3. **OPERATING PROCEDURES**

- Correspondence during meetings
- Correspondence outside of meetings
- Scheduling future meetings

4. **SITE VISIT FINDINGS**

- Sara Bradford, RLA, will report her observations and findings derived from the site visit conducted on September 1, 2020, with the applicant's Landscape Architect John Carter, RLA.

5. **APPLICANT MATERIALS**

- The applicant's team may present new or updated information as applicable

6. **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION** (items are intended to guide, not limit, Committee discussion)

- Should the Committee have a Chair?
- Definitions of "buffer" and "effective buffer"
- Anticipated/acceptable length of time for vegetation to mature
- Maintenance requirements to impose on the buffer plan
- Plant material sources
- Limits of clearing and tree topping
- Future site visit(s)

If you have questions, comments, or concerns, you can submit them in writing to Senior Planner Joshua Berry, AICP via email jberry@cranstonri.org for inclusion in the staff recommendation to the City Plan Commission.