

MINUTES OF THE
December 19, 2013 Meeting of the
Easton Planning & Zoning Commission

Members Present: Members, John Atwood, Linda Cheezum and Don Hilderbrandt and Richard Tettelbaum.

Members Absent: Debbie Renshaw.

Staff Present: Lynn Thomas, Town Planner and Zach Smith, Current Planner.

Staff Absent: Stacie Rice, Planning Secretary.

Prior to opening the meeting, Mr. Atwood recognized Linda Cheezum for her years of service to the Commission. Linda decided to not accept reappointment to the Commission in order to devote her time to other priorities. This is therefore her last meeting on the Commission. Mr. Thomas pointed out that Ms. Cheezum joined the Commission in 2002 and he stated that he echoed Mr. Atwood's sentiments. He noted that Commission members devote a lot of time and energy in service to the community and that the public often has no appreciation of the amount of both that these volunteers give in their position.

Mr. Atwood called the meeting of the Planning & Zoning Commission to order at 1:00 p.m. The first order of business was the approval of the minutes of the Commission's November 21, 2013 meeting. Upon motion of Mr. Tettelbaum, and seconded by Mr. Hilderbrandt, the Commission voted 4-0 to approve the minutes.

The only item of business on the Agenda was for subdivision of property at **517 August Street**. The property-owner is Trevor Newcomb who was present to address the Commission. He explained that the purpose of the request is simply to subdivide the property so as to permit one additional lot/unit to be created out of the subject property. Mr. Smith pointed out that the request is proposed pursuant to the provisions of the Planned redevelopment District. Otherwise it would not comply with all of the standards of the Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Hilderbrandt noted that the applicant is proposing a 15' front setback. He said while that is ok, given the context of the rest of the houses on the block in this older section of Town, reducing it to 5' may be more appropriate. Upon motion of Mr. Hilderbrandt, seconded by Mrs. Cheezum, the Commission voted 4-0 to approve the PR subdivision subject to the setback on August Street being adjusted to 5'.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m. by motion of Mr. Tettelbaum, seconded by Mr. Hilderbrandt.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacie S. Rice
Planning Secretary