



AGENDA

Town of North Smithfield
Planning Board

Meeting Date: **Thursday, February 10, 2022**

Time: **7:00 p.m.**

Location: **North Smithfield Town Hall**
Town Council Chambers
83 Greene Street
North Smithfield, RI 02896

The meeting will be livestream. Please join the meeting from your computer, tablet, or smartphone by clicking on this link:

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Meeting ID: 875 9544 9050

Passcode: 981259

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Documents related to the meeting will be posted on the Planning Department's page of the Town's website on Monday, February 7, 2022.

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Minutes

Review and approval of the January 13, 2022 minutes.

4. Disclosure

Planning Board members shall disclose potential conflicts on matters before the Planning Board.

5. Disclosure & Notice:

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6. Declaration of voting members

**7. Public Meeting
Request for Extension
Rankin Estates**

Applicant: Narragansett Improvements
Location: Douglass Pike
Assessor's Plat: 14
Lot: 17, 19, 29, 31, 32, 34, 88, 93, 106, 125, 128, 135, 144, 145, 147, 202 & 242
Zoning District: Rural Agricultural (RA-65)
Land Area: 270 acres
Number of lots: 126
Engineer: DiPrete Engineering, Inc.

The applicant is requesting a second one-year extension to the Master Plan approval in accordance with the North Smithfield Land Development and Subdivision Regulations Section 3.7(G) and RIGL 45-23-40 (g)(1) for the construction of a one hundred twenty-six (126) lot single family residential subdivision units on 270 acres zoned rural agricultural (RA-65).

**8. Public Hearing
Major Change to a Recorded Plan or Plat
High Rocks Condominiums**

Applicant: High Rocks II LLC.
Location: 1 Tupperware Dr.
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**9. Public Informational Meeting
Major Land development Project/Subdivision
Anchor Nissan**

Applicant: Benoit Residential Realty, LLC. & Benoit Realty, LLC.
Location: 949 & 969 Eddie Dowling Highway
Assessor's Plat: 17
Assessor's Lots 80, 84, 199 & 231
Zoned: Business Highway (BH)
Area: 8.59 Acres

Number of lots: 2
Engineer: Joe Casali Engineering, Inc.

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None

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Planning Office Recommendation

The Planning Office recommendation is to grant the requested one (1) year extension; Master Plan approval now to expire in March 2023.

Planning Board Vote

Gary Palardy, Chairman	Yes	No
Jeffrey Porter, Vice-Chair	Yes	No
Michael Fournier	Yes	No
Richard Keene	Yes	No
David Punchak	Yes	No
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Planning Office Comment

Should the Planning Board approve this request the Planning Office recommends the following stipulations:

- 1) That the applicant shall record an Amended Final Plan in the Town's Land Evidence Records indicating the total number of approved residential dwelling units and specifically indicating the three (3) LMI dwelling units by unit number.
- 2) That the final plan shall include the specific book and page reference to the recorded amended final approval letter.

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Planning Office Findings

The Planning Office finds the proposal to be generally consistent with Article 1.1 “Purpose” of the Towns Land Development and Subdivision regulations, and:

- 1) Generally consistent with the Comprehensive Community Plan.

The proposed development is consistent with the Economic Development Element Table IV.8 Policy 3.a. which states:

3.a. Encourage private investment in the Town's existing commercial areas.

The Development is consistent with the Land Use Element Table III.4 Policy 3.a. and 5.b. which state:

3.a. Encourage redevelopment projects to promote land use recycling and efficiency.

5.b. Continue growth in nodes confined along the Rt 146 corridor to preserve the rural character of Town.

- 2) In compliance with the standards and provisions of the North Smithfield Zoning Ordinance.
- 3) That there will be no significant negative environmental impacts from the proposed development.
- 4) That the proposed development/subdivision will not result in the creation of individual lots with such physical constraints to development that building on those lots according to pertinent regulations and building standards would be impracticable.
- 5) That the proposed development/subdivision possesses adequate physical access to a public street.

Planning Office Recommendation

The Planning Office recommendation is to grant master plan approval with the following stipulations:

- 1) That the applicant shall receive a Special Use Permit (SUP) from the Zoning Board of Review (ZBR) authorizing construction of a new 29,450 S.F. automobile dealership and a 11,700 S.F. accessory building for automobile reconditioning within the Ground Water Supply Overlay District.
- 2) Should the applicant pursue a water line extension along Sayles Hill Road to service the development, then applicant shall provide an executed agreement with the Town of Lincoln Water Commission authorizing said extension prior to preliminary approval.

- 3) That the applicant shall record an administrative subdivision creating two (2) new conforming lots, one lot containing the existing Anchor Subaru Dealership and a second lot containing the proposed new Anchor Nissan Dealership and accessory building.
- 4) That the westerly lot line of lot 167 shall be shifted in either a westerly direction along the northerly property line or easterly along the southerly property line to be generally parallel to the existing parking layout and to eliminate splitting the existing parking spaces/rows as represented on the Master Plan - site plan.
- 5) Should the applicant be successful in extending public water to the project site, the project shall include a sufficient number of fire hydrants to be located within the development subject to the review and approval of the North Smithfield Fire Department prior to preliminary approval.
- 6) That the proposed water line extension shall include provisions allowing for potential future waterline extensions northerly and southerly along Eddie Dowling Highway/Route 146 subject to the approval of the Town of Lincoln Water Commission.
- 7) The applicant shall provide an overall utility plan which shall include storm-drainage systems and connections, OWTS systems and connections and potable water wells and their connections to all users in case of no water line extension. Said utility plan shall also include any existing and/or necessary easements/cross easements to enable the various utility connections.
- 8) That, if necessary, a revised storm-water maintenance plan shall be provided prior to final approval which shall include a regular maintenance schedule with annual maintenance reports to be provided to the Public Works Department and the Building Official's Office.
- 9) That a Soil and Sediment control plan shall be required at preliminary approval in conformance with North Smithfield Zoning Ordinance Section 18 "Soil Erosion and Sediment Control."
- 10) That the applicant shall provide an excavation/construction plan, which may be combined with the Soil and Sediment control plan, designed to mitigate the impact of construction on the abutting properties which shall include but not be limited to, construction access, best practices for dust control and vibration and hours of operation prior to preliminary approval.
- 11) That all necessary State of Rhode Island permits/permit upgrades and or revisions including but not limited to RIDEM Wetlands permit and RIDEM Underground Injection

Control (UIC) permit RIDEM OWTS septic permit, and/or RIDOT PAP shall be issued prior to preliminary approval.

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Mike Fournier
Richard Keene

Planning staff: Mark Carruolo, Town Planner
Bobbi Moneghan, Assistant Town Planner

Legal Counsel: Not present

The meeting was livestreamed on YouTube and Zoom.

Item 1 Call to Order

Item 2 Minutes

Review and approval of the December 9, 2021.

Motion to approve the December 9, 2021 minutes by Mr. Keene, seconded by Mr. Fournier, all in favor.

Item 3 Disclosure

Planning Board members shall disclose potential conflicts on matters before the Planning Board. There were no disclosures.

Item 4 Disclosure & Notice:

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Item 5
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Voting members: **Jeff Porter**
 Mike Fournier
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Discussion

Attorney Charles Redihan was present for the applicant, High Rocks II LLC and asked for a continuance to a date certain of February 10, 2022.

Mr. Porter raised some questions that he would like Mr. Redihan to answer when he returns to the Planning Board in February. Mr. Porter asked about the agreement for Blackstone to sell water to 118 High Rocks condominiums and the fact that there are 133 condo units. He would also like more information on the decision to build 133 units and the absence of affordable housing units.

Mr. Keene motioned to open the public hearing at 7:12 pm, Mr. Fournier seconded with all in favor. Attorney Redihan asked for a continuance to a date certain of February 10, 2022.

Mr. Keene motioned to continue the public hearing to a date certain of February 10, 2022.

Planning Board Vote

Mr. Porter Yes

Mr. Fournier Yes

Mr. Keene Yes

Item 7

Public Meeting

Review and Approval of 2022 Meeting Schedule

The Planning Board to review and approve the annual meeting schedule in accordance with RIGL 42-46-6 (a) Open Meetings Notice: All public bodies shall give written notice of their regularly scheduled meetings at the beginning of each calendar year. The notice shall include the dates, times, and places of the meetings and shall be provided to members of the public upon request and to the secretary of state at the beginning of each calendar year in accordance with subsection (f).

Motion to accept the 2022 Meeting Schedule by Mr. Keene.

Planning Board Vote

Mr. Porter Yes

Mr. Fournier Yes

Mr. Keene Yes

Item 8

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None

Motion to adjourn at 8:15 pm by Mr. Porter, seconded by Mr. Fournier. All in favor.