

Chicopee Planning Board Voting Record and Minutes

The Planning Board of the City of Chicopee public hearing for **Thursday, April 7, 2022** at **7 PM** Chambers Conference Room, 4th Floor, City Hall Annex, 274 Front Street, Chicopee, MA 01013

Meeting was brought to order at 7:00 PM.

Planning Board Attendance

Member	Present	Absent	Excused
Michael Sarnelli, Chair	X		
Saulo DePaula, Vice Chair	X		
Cynthia Labrie, Clerk	X		
Tom Reniewicz	X		
Samuel Shumsky	X		
<i>Vacant</i>			
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Planning Department Staff Attendance

Title	Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Director	Lee Pouliot			X
Development Manager	James Dawson	X		
Associate Planner	Nathan Moreau			X

ITEM 1a: Chair - Board Elections – All Board Members are eligible for each position. (Chair, Vice Chair, Clerk, PVPC Representative)

Motion to nominate Michael Sarnelli for Chair was made by Cynthia Labrie and seconded by Thomas Reniewicz. Vote was 5-0 to elect Michael Sarnelli to the seat of Chair of the Board.

Member	Approve	Deny	Table	Abstain
Michael Sarnelli, Chair	X			
Saulo DePaula, Vice Chair	X			
Cynthia Labrie, Clerk	X			
Tom Reniewicz	X			
Samuel Shumsky	X			

ITEM 1b: Vice Chair - Board Elections – All Board Members are eligible for each position. (Chair, Vice Chair, Clerk, PVPC Representative)

Motion to nominate Saulo DePaula for Vice Chair was made by Thomas Reniewicz and seconded by Samuel Shumsky. Vote was 5-0 to elect Saulo DePaula to the seat of Vice Chair of the Board

Member	Approve	Deny	Table	Abstain
Michael Sarnelli, Chair	X			
Saulo DePaula, Vice Chair	X			
Cynthia Labrie, Clerk	X			
Tom Reniewicz	X			
Samuel Shumsky	X			

ITEM 1c: Clerk - Board Elections – All Board Members are eligible for each position.

Motion to nominate Cynthia Labrie for Clerk was made by Thomas Reniewicz and seconded by Saulo DePaula. Vote was 5-0 to elect Cynthia Labrie for the seat of Clerk of the Board.

Member	Approve	Deny	Table	Abstain
Michael Sarnelli, Chair	X			
Saulo DePaula, Vice Chair	X			
Cynthia Labrie, Clerk	X			
Tom Reniewicz	X			
Samuel Shumsky	X			

ITEM 1d: PVPC Representative - Board Elections – All Board Members are eligible for each position.

Motion to nominate Samuel Shumsky for PVPC Representative was made by Saulo DePaula and seconded by Thomas Reniewicz. Vote was 5-0 to elect Samuel Shumsky for the Board representative to PVPC.

Member	Approve	Deny	Table	Abstain
Michael Sarnelli, Chair	X			
Saulo DePaula, Vice Chair	X			
Cynthia Labrie, Clerk	X			
Tom Reniewicz	X			
Samuel Shumsky	X			

ITEM 2: Preliminary Site Plan (Tabled from March 3, 2022) for the construction of a self-storage facility to be located on Shawinigan Dr. (Assessor Map 187, Parcel 1B). Applicant: JLL Real Estate, LLC., 5 Wandering Meadows Lane, Wilbraham, MA 01095

Notes: The Applicant sent the Board a letter requesting to withdraw their plans and application. The Board voted to accept the withdrawal.

Motion to accept the Applicant’s withdrawal was made by Cynthia Labrie and seconded by Samuel Shumsky. Vote was 5-0 to accept the Applicant’s request to withdraw.

Member	Approve	Deny	Table	Abstain
Michael Sarnelli, Chair	X			
Saulo DePaula, Vice Chair	X			
Cynthia Labrie	X			
Tom Reniewicz	X			
Samuel Shumsky	X			

ITEM 3: Liquor License – New Annual All Alcohol on Premise License for the Windsor Lounge. Location: 101 Main St. Chicopee, MA. Applicant: 2 Chix LLC, D/B/A The Windsor Lounge, c/o Melissa Hojnowski, 26 Linden St., Holyoke, MA 01040

Notes: Neither the Applicant nor a representative was in attendance to present the petition. Staff noted there was no requests for Zoom credentials for anyone to attend via Zoom. Staff noted it is typical for the Board to table a petition if there are no attendees to present the petition. The Board voted to table the petition to their next meeting (May 5, 2022).

Motion to table the Liquor License to May 5, 2022 was made by Thomas Reniewicz and seconded by Saulo DePaula. Vote was 5-0 to table to May 5, 2022.

Member	Approve	Deny	Table	Abstain
Michael Sarnelli, Chair			X	
Saulo DePaula, Vice Chair			X	
Cynthia Labrie			X	
Tom Reniewicz			X	
Samuel Shumsky			X	

ITEM 4: Rescinding of Decision for Definitive Site Plan for 357 Burnett Road Hotel Redevelopment Project. Originally approved on June 7, 2018 with development commencement extension to June 7, 2020.

Notes: Staff explained the reason for the recommendation to rescind the original approval for the 357 Hotel Redevelopment Project was due to a new Site Plan submittal that will be on the Board’s May 5, 2022 agenda.

Motion to rescind the original approval was made by Cynthia Labrie and seconded by Samuel Shumsky. Vote was 5-0 to rescind the original approval for the Hotel Redevelopment Project at 357 Burnett Rd.

Member	Approve	Deny	Table	Abstain
Michael Sarnelli, Chair	X			
Saulo DePaula, Vice Chair	X			
Cynthia Labrie, Clerk	X			
Tom Reniewicz	X			
Samuel Shumsky	X			

ITEM 5: ANRs – Sheridan Street

Notes: Staff explained the ANR to the Board.

Motion to approve was made by Cynthia Labrie and seconded by Saulo DePaula. Vote was 5-0 to approve.

Member	Approve	Deny	Table	Abstain
Michael Sarnelli, Chair	X			
Saulo DePaula, Vice Chair	X			
Cynthia Labrie, Clerk	X			
Tom Reniewicz	X			
Samuel Shumsky	X			

ITEM 6: Minutes from March 3, 2022

Motion to approve was made by Samuel Shumsky and seconded by Thomas Reniewicz. Vote was 4 to approve, 0 to deny, and 1 abstention. (Saulo DePaula abstained since he was not in attendance at the March 3, 2022 meeting)

Member	Approve	Deny	Table	Abstain
Michael Sarnelli, Chair	X			
Saulo DePaula, Vice Chair				X
Cynthia Labrie, Clerk	X			
Tom Reniewicz	X			
Samuel Shumsky	X			

ITEM 7: New Business/Discussion

Notes: Staff noted there was a new Site Plan submitted for 357 Burnett Road that would be on the May 5, 2022 agenda hence the rescinding of the original approval in agenda item #4.

ITEM 8: Adjournment next meeting is scheduled for May 5, 2022

Motion to adjourn was made by Samuel Shumsky and seconded by Saulo DePaula. Vote was 5-0 to adjourn.

Member	Approve	Deny	Table	Abstain
Michael Sarnelli, Chair	X			
Saulo DePaula, Vice Chair	X			
Cynthia Labrie, Clerk	X			
Tom Reniewicz	X			
Samuel Shumsky	X			

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM.