Project Description

The applicant is proposing a four (4) building, full build-out of the subject property including one (1) existing building and three (3) new buildings totaling 40,000 square feet in total area. The applicant is requesting a one (1) year extension to the approval that was reinstated in August 2019 and subsequently extended for one (1) year in July 2020.

Project History

The Combined Conceptual Master and Preliminary Plan for this project was originally approved by the Planning Board on May 12, 2015. Said approval subsequently expired and was recently reinstated by the Planning Board on August 27, 2019 which was valid for a period of one (1) year, or until July 1, 2020. The applicant requested and received a one (1) year extension to the approval in July 2020. Said 1-year approval is set to expire on August 1, 2021. Due to the pandemic situation, the applicant asserts that the proposed office use for this site will take additional time to recover. Therefore, the applicant is requesting this extension be valid for a period of two (2) years (until August 1, 2023).

Required Findings

Reinstatement and extension of approvals are governed by Article VIII. Waivers and Modifications, Section C. of the South Kingstown Subdivision and Land Development Regulations. The Regulations allow reinstatement or extension of approvals under the following conditions:

1. The subdivision is consistent with the Comprehensive Community Plan;
2. The Regulations are substantially the same as they were at the time of original approval;
3. The zoning of the subdivision parcel is substantially the same as it was at the time of original approval;
4. Physical conditions on the subdivision parcel are substantially the same as they were at the time of original approval;
5. Any applicable State or federal regulations are substantially the same as they were at the time of original approval; and
6. Any required fee, including Fair Share Development Fees, is the same as it was at the time of the original approval.

Draft Motion for Consideration

Decision

“The South Kingstown Planning Board hereby extends the Combined Conceptual Master and Preliminary Plan approval for the Hampton Place – Full Build-Out Major Land Development Project, a proposed four (4) building (one existing) full build-out development plan with three (3) new buildings totaling 40,000 square feet in floor area, AP 50-4, Lot 24, located at 4847 Tower Hill Road, previously approved on May 13, 2015, for a period of two (2) years, or until August 1, 2023. This extension is based on the following Findings of Fact and Conditions of Approval:

Findings of Fact

A. The development remains consistent with the Comprehensive Community Plan;
B. The Regulations are substantially the same as they were at the time of original approval;
C. The zoning of the development parcels is substantially the same as it was at the time of original approval;
D. Physical conditions on the development parcels are substantially the same as they were at the time of original approval;
E. Any applicable State or federal regulations are substantially the same as they were at the time of original approval; and
F. The required application fee is the same as it was at the time of original approval, and the required Fair Share Development Fees are less than were required at the time of the original approval.

Conditions of Approval

1. All trees planted as part of the approved plan shall adhere to the tree planting specifications as contained in Article XII of the Subdivision and Land Development Regulations as depicted in Figure 11 “Tree Planting Detail – Typical”.
2. All other Conditions of Approval as contained in the May 13, 2015 Combined Conceptual Master Plan and Preliminary Plan approval shall remain in full force and effect.”