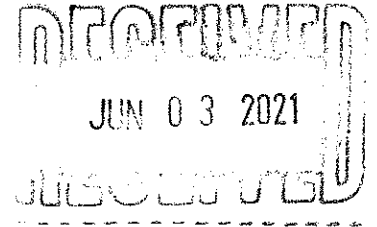




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TO: Lisa Cook-Martin, Town Clerk

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DATE: 6/3/21

RE: Second Advisory Opinion – DUT Amendments

At their Regular Planning Board meeting on June 2, 2021, the Board provided a second Advisory Opinion to the Town Council in relation to the DUT amendments proposed by former Town Council member Sylvia Thompson. They began by selecting a definition for “electric vehicle charging stations”, and concluded with a recommendation to the Council.

Definition for ‘Electric Vehicle Charging Station’:

MS. SHUMCHENIA MADE A MOTION TO DEFINE ‘ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION’ AS ‘CHARGING EQUIPMENT THAT HAS AS ITS PRIMARY PURPOSE THE TRANSFER OF ELECTRIC ENERGY TO A BATTERY OR OTHER ENERGY STORAGE DEVICE IN AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE.’

IT WAS SECONDED BY MR. PRELLWITZ.

There was not any further discussion on the proposed definition.

IN FAVOR: DIORIO, PRELLWITZ, LINDELOW, LIGHT, SHUMCHENIA

ABSTAIN: NONE

OPPOSED: NONE

5-0, MOTION PASSED.

Recommendation to the Town Council:

MS. SHUMCHENIA MADE A MOTION THAT THE PLANNING BOARD ADVISES THAT THE TOWN PROVIDE RESOURCES FOR A CONSULTANT WITH EXPERTISE IN

ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT CRITERIA,
AND CONSIDER DEVELOPING POTENTIAL DRAFT GUIDANCE AND INFORMATION
FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION BY THIS BOARD AND BY THE TOWN COUNCIL.

IT WAS SECONDED BY MR. PRELLWITZ.

There was not any discussion on the motion.

IN FAVOR: DIORIO, PRELLWITZ, LINDELOW, LIGHT, SHUMCHENIA

ABSTAIN: NONE

OPPOSED: NONE

5-0, THE MOTION PASSED.

The Planning Board used Rhode Island General Law § 31-21-18 (a) as the basis for their definition, which reads: “‘electric vehicle charging station’ means a public or private parking space that is served by charging equipment that has as its primary purpose the transfer of electric energy to a battery or other energy storage device in an electric vehicle.” The Board, Planning Department staff, and the Planning Board solicitor lack the requisite knowledge of electric vehicle charging stations necessary to craft comprehensive guidance. Therefore, they have recommended that the Town Council hire a consultant who is well-versed in this arena to provide their expertise.