

Planning Board Minutes 3/21/2024

Town Hall 6:30pm

Board Members present: Ben Pendleton, Andrew Poland, Jessica Westhaver, Mike Rosa, Frank Poland, Andrea Perley (alt), John Bowers (alt)

Also Present: Richard Francis, Bill Balicki, Jamie Doherty, Mary Piasecki, John Lappen, Alex Beaudet, Ken Kortemeier, Jessica Yates, Erin Reeves

Meeting called to order at 6:30 by Ben Pendleton

New Business: Ben Welcomed Frank Poland as the new Planning Board member and acknowledged Jeff Eilenberg's work during his time on the Board.

Election of Officials: Ben nominated Jessica Westhaver for Chair; Mike Rosa seconded. All in favor, Jessica abstained. Mike Rosa nominated Frank Poland for Vice Chair. Frank said he appreciated the thought, but as a new member he felt he has too much to learn to be an effective Vice Chair. Jessica Westhaver nominated Mike Rosa; Ben seconded. All in favor, Mike abstained. Jessica nominated Ben Pendleton as Secretary; Frank seconded. All in favor, Ben abstained.

Old Business: Comprehensive Plan Review

The Planning Board went through the edits they have made to the Comprehensive Plan by section.

The suggested edits concentrated on; removing people names from the plan except for the Comprehensive Plan Committee members and refer to all others as Boards or Committees, removing redundant information to shorten the plan, that the plan switched from first to third person and should be written as the Town and not as a person and some information/data in the Plan is opinion and should be removed.

There is also concern that some information in the Plan is incorrect and should be removed or corrected. Why is critical waterfront not addressed in the Plan? References need to be sighted. Some of the charts were unclear and some of the maps were inconsistent.

A full version of the edited document is available on file at the Town Hall.

The Planning Board wanted to review the maps in the Plan but needs more time.

The PB agreed to send a red line version of the CP and the public hearing comments to Mathew Eddy at Midcoast Council of Governments for his insight.

Jess motioned to ask the Select Board for more time; Mike seconded. All in favor.

Approval of minutes from 3/7/24 meeting: Ben motioned to approve; Andrew seconded. Jess and John in favor, Mike abstained.

Public Comment: Bill Bilicki asked if these edits were final. Jessica told him the edits are suggested and it is up to the Select Board to make the decision on what will be submitted.

Richard Francis asked the projected timeline and Ben said that the red line version of the Plan would be emailed to the Comprehensive Plan committee and the Select Board on 3/22.

Alex Beaudet asked if the Shoreland Zone Ordinance was a state law. Jessica told he yes and the state has requirements the Bristol must follow.

He stated A neighbor is allowing camping on their property and people are trespassing over his property. He also said that he was told by the Department of Environmental Protection that camping is not allowed in the Shoreland Zone, but they will not enforce it, that is up to the town.

The PB reviewed the Shoreland Zone Ordinance and determined that they feel this type of camping did not break Ordinance rules.

Jessica asked Alex to get something in writing from the DEP to find out what statute they are referencing. She also suggested if Alex did not feel safe, he should call the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office.

Andrea also suggested making a written request to the Town to look into this issue.

This matter will be added to the agenda for the April 4th meeting.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday April 4th.

Jessica adjourned at 9:16.

