

Present: Patty Chaffee – Chair; Alan Putnam, Alissa Bascom, Keith Weed, Richard Carter, Stacy Hassett

Alternates: Lenny Ostasiewski

Guests: Richard Lincourt, Sharon Francis, William Rescsanski

Patty Chaffee called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Approval of minutes of 03/07/2023: Motion by Mrs. Bascom to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Weed, motion approved.

Agenda Review: none

Applications: none

Continued Business: none

Administration:

Ms Chaffee welcomed Stacy Hassett, the newly elected member of the Planning Board.

2023 Election of Officers

Mrs. Bascom made a motion to nominate Alan Putnam for Chair of the Planning Board, Mr. Carter seconded the motion, motion passed.

Mr. Putnam made a motion to nominate Alissa Bascom as Vice Chair of the Planning Board, Mr. Carter seconded the motion, motion passed.

Ms. Chaffee thanked the members of the Board for allowing her to serve over the last two years.

The meeting was then turned over to the new Chair.

New Business:

Review of the Master Plan: Mr. Lincourt remarked that he would encourage the change to Zone D that was voted down at Town election, noting that more education about the article was needed. Mrs. Francis noted that she was against the article, referencing the Perry Mountain situation and other possible zones to be developed as her reasons for being against. Chair Putnam asked if making it be special exception would help ease the concerns of possible development. It was also noted that Perry Mountain is not all there is to Zone D and that should also be considered.

Chair Putnam commented that both this leads to the Land Use and Housing Chapters be the first chapters the Board looks to review. Ms. Chaffee noted that included in these chapters should be the conversation with the Conservation Commission about the Habitat Corridor. Mr. Carter also wanted to include a look at the capital improvements plan. Possibly a new facility that would house everything and then sell the prime downtown properties that the Town owns. This was something to consider if the Town wants to grow and add to the downtown.

Mrs. Bascom noted she went to a recent training where Charlestown had been mentioned in adopting 79-E and that it was a step in a positive direction.

Communications: none

Motion by Ms. Chaffee to adjourn at 7:50pm, seconded by Mrs. Bascom.

All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Chaffee
Recording Secretary