

PLANNING BOARD
Town of Peterborough, New Hampshire

Minutes of May 20, 2019

Members Present: Ivy Vann, Alan Zeller, Ed Juengst, Tyler Ward, Rich Clark, Dario Carrara, Bob Holt and Judy Wilson Ferstenberg

Staff Present: Peter Throop, Laura Norton and Kristin Bixby, Office of Community Development

Chair Holt called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. beginning with introductions. He welcomed Ms. Ferstenberg to the Board and Mr. Clark as a returning former Member of the Board.

Chair Holt also bid a thankful farewell to Mr. Galus and Mr. Hanlon who were departing the Board. “It has been a pleasure to have you on the Board and we thank you for your services” said Chair Holt.

Minutes:

A motion was made/seconded (Vann/Zeller) to approve the Minutes of April 1, 2019 as written with all in favor.

A motion was made/seconded (Zeller/Vann) to approve the Minutes of April 8, 2019 as written with all in favor.

Election of Board Chairman and Vice Chairman:

A motion was made/seconded (Vann/Ward) to nominate and elect Mr. Carrara as Chairman of the Planning Board. With no other nominations from the floor, all were in favor.

A motion was made/seconded (Carrara/Zeller) to nominate and elect Ms. Vann as Vice Chairman of the Planning Board. With no other nomination from the floor all were in favor.

When Mr. Clark asked about the status of the current Chair, Chair Holt replied he would address that question under other business.

Appointment of Alternates:

Ms. Vann began by noting Mr. Juengst was present and was willing to remain an alternate, filling the three-year commitment. She introduced the two alternate candidates sitting in the audience. “They both showed up, and we know that is the most important thing” she said with a smile.

Chair Holt noted the two alternate positions remaining were a one-year and a two-year commitment. He went on to say “traditionally we ask the candidates about their interest in serving on the Board. “

Lindsay Dreyer introduced herself to the Board. She told the Members she’d grown up in Peterborough and had returned with her young family after college and work in the Washington DC area for several years. Ms. Dreyer noted her experience in real estate and her familiarity with land development and site plan analysis. She noted her own brokerage firm business that she still ran remotely and told the Members she was excited to be on the Board and learn more about what is going on in town. She told the Members she would like to bring a Millennium’s perspective to this political and educational experience. “I am excited. This plays into my background and passion” she said adding “I love Peterborough, it really is a good town to live in.”

Rebecca Adey-Merrithew introduced herself and told the Board she also was a native of New Hampshire (growing up in Colebrook) and had been in Peterborough for about three years. She told the Members while she did not have experience, she was vested in the concept of small towns, families and the expectation of affordable living. “I love learning” she said noting she has a master’s degree in Higher Education.

She concluded by noting she wanted to be a part of “determining where we are, where we want to be and how we get there.”

A motion was made/seconded (Holt/Ward) to re-appoint Mr. Juengst to a *three-year* term as Alternate to the Planning Board with all in favor.

A motion was made/seconded (Vann/Zeller) to appoint Ms. Dreyer to a *two-year* term as Alternate to the Planning Board with all in favor.

A motion was made/seconded (Vann/Zeller) to appoint Ms. Merrithew to a *one-year* term as Alternate to the Planning Board with all in favor.

In closing Ms. Vann noted she had a reservation for the Office of Strategic Initiative’s annual Spring Planning and Zoning Conference in Concord June 1st. She noted she would not be attending and was willing to give her reservation up to a new member. Mr. Throop suggest that opportunity go to Ms. Ferstenberg.

Other Business:

Chair Holt began by reading a letter of resignation. He noted he’d accepted a new role at his full-time job that would consume much more of his time and attention. “It has been a great privilege to serve on the Board for over three years” he said and noted the members both present and former “are individuals of integrity, dedication and fairness and have worked tirelessly and without compensation under the decades of damage exclusionary zoning has done to this town.” He looked up and concluded “they deserve nothing less than your unwavering public support.”

The Members unanimously thanked Chair Holt and all wished for his continued success.

Mr. Throop explained while the Board has a new Chairman the Members would have to appoint an alternate to fill the remaining year of Mr. Holt’s position. “Next year the elected positions of Bob (Holt) and Ivy (Vann) will be up” he said.

Mr. Throop also noted that several Members have advised they would not be available for their June 10th regularly scheduled meeting and recommended they move the meeting to June 17th and gave the Members a brief review of the upcoming cases.

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Norton

Administrative Assistant