



Minutes

Planning Commission May 19, 2021, via Zoom 5 p.m.

Present: Carol Fairbank, Christine Armstrong, Kent Hansen, Jerilyn Virden, Linda Romans, Brett Stanciu, Michael Porazzo; Gary Circosta.

Absent Members: Ellen Celnik; MacNeil.

Meeting called to order at 5:02 p.m.

- 1. Approve May 5 Meeting Minutes.** Christine made a motion, Linda seconded. All in favor.
- 2. Committee/ Task Force Updates (as needed).**
 - **Lake Water Quality Task Force:** Stewards of the Caspian Watershed presented at the May 12 Selectboard meeting. The Selectboard wanted more public outreach. A public informational session has been scheduled for June 15, via Zoom. Christine will handle outreach.
 - **Housing Committee:** Rural Edge is sorting through funding and proposals. Greensboro remains on the list of potential applicants.
- 3. Eligo Zoning Report Review & Approval.** Linda and Christine were complemented for preparing the NVDA report. A few typos were corrected on page 7. No questions were voiced regarding content. Jerilyn made a motion to accept and approve the Eligo Resource District Report. Linda seconded. All in favor.

The Commission agreed to host the July 21 public hearing virtually. Carol noted this format will be more inclusive and broadly available. Christine noted people are still concerned about the pandemic. Jerilyn said the warning could still be signed after the June 2 hearing. This would allow for an in-person hearing if the Commission deemed that necessary. The warning will be posted in the Hardwick Gazette, in the town's two post offices, at the town hall, and on the website. The Greensboro Association has also dispersed this information. Michael Porazzo inquired about a mailing for landowners who are non-residents. Brett noted this mailing would need to be mailed to all landowners; this is a significant cost. Jerilyn asked Brett to post on Front Porch Forum. Kent and Carol noted that due diligence had been applied to posting this information.



4. **Public Hearing Format & Facilitation.** Kent suggested the writers of the Shoreland Protection District Bylaw, Christine and Linda, should open the hearing with a brief explanation of why these amendments are proposed. Carol will open the hearing first with a housekeeping rundown of how the Zoom hearing will be conducted; no longer than five minutes. Christine and Linda will use 5-7 minutes. Some discussion revolved around whether to go through each proposed change. In the interests of time, that was deemed not possible, but a summary sheet of changes will be provided. Carol noted the NVDA report is a complete and concise document. Jerilyn stressed the importance of transparency. She emphasized that the public should know their comments will be incorporated into a revision of the proposed amendments. Linda noted the importance of a unified Planning Commission. Christine reminded members that sections of this bylaw are the state's rules and cannot be changed.

Unanimously, the Commission agreed not to use the chat feature in the June 2 hearing. Written commentary can be sent to the zoning administrator. The Commission agreed to the following format:

- Christine will host and ask all callers to identify themselves.
- Carol will moderate.
- Brett will take notes.
- Kent will be the timekeeper.
- Each member of the public will have two minutes to speak. Everyone will have an opportunity to speak before any member of the public has a second opportunity to speak.

Michael Porazzo asked if certain questions could be answered in a summary beforehand. Carol noted all documents have been supplied. Brett agreed to link the website to the Front Porch Forum post. Linda has a list of changes she will give to Brett.

5. **New Business.** No new business.
6. **There will be a Public Hearing in place of the next regular Planning Commission meeting on June 2, 2021, 6-8 p.m.**
7. **Next regular Planning Commission Meeting will be June 16, 2021.**



8. Adjourned by consensus at 6:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brett Stanciu, Zoning Administrator