



DOVER PLANNING BOARD

Meeting Minutes

7:00 PM

February 6, 2023, Approved as Submitted, March 27, 2023

Held Remotely Via Zoom

Members Participating: Carol Lisbon, Bill Motley, George Sidgwick and Scott Freedman.

Associate Member: Val Lin.

Others Participating: Interim Town Planner Laura Harbottle; Planning Assistant Sue Hall; Warrant Committee Member Gordon Kinder; Eric Carlson, Mass. DCR NFIP Coordinator & Deputy Hazard Mitigation Officer

Opening: Chair Carol Lisbon called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. She read the guidance issued by Governor Baker regarding the Open Meeting Law and remote participation.

I. New/Special Business:

a. Review Draft Floodplain Bylaw and Design Guidelines

Ms. Harbottle introduced Mr. Eric Carlson. He explained how the standards for construction in the floodplain are established and described the new state model Floodplain Bylaw. Mr. Carlson also reported the Town's official floodplain maps should be available in the near future. The maps currently in effect are dated 2012. The Building Commissioner, Walter Avallone agreed he would be willing to take the responsibility of being the Town's Floodplain Administrator.

Town Counsel reviewed the draft bylaw and her comments were received at 6:30 p.m. Ms. Harbottle and Mr. Freedman will review her comments with Mr. Carlson, who is expected to identify any conflicts with what FEMA requires. The final draft should be ready to approve at the February 27 Planning Board meeting.

II. Updates

a. Tree Preservation Committee

Ms. Lisbon commended Ms. Lin for conducting an excellent interactive forum on February 4 jointly with graduate students from **The Conway School**, a program in sustainable landscape planning and design. There were 32 attendees. The purpose of the forum was to get a broad community perspective on the value of trees and the state of tree management and preservation throughout Dover. There will be a second public forum, which is tentatively scheduled for early March.

b. Village Center Initiative

Ms. Lisbon reported that she and Mr. Motley attended a gathering sponsored by the Council on Aging. She and Bill Motley gave presentations on the ADU bylaw amendments and the Village Center initiative, respectively. These were very enthusiastically received.

III. General Town Business

a. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Lisbon made a motion to approve the December 5, 2022 minutes as submitted; seconded by Mr. Motley. The motion passed by a voice vote of 4-0.

Adjournment:

At 8:19 PM Ms. Lisbon made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Freedman. The motion passed by a voice vote of 4-0.