

Town of Yarmouth
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING BOARD MEETING OF
June 16, 2021

The Yarmouth Planning Board held an in-person Business Meeting at **4:30** p.m. on Wednesday **June 16, 2021** in the Hearing Room at the Yarmouth Town Offices located at 1146 Route 28, South Yarmouth, MA.

Planning Board Present: Brad Goodwin, Joanne Crowley, Susan Brita, Tom Baron, Liz Hartsgrove, Will Rubenstein, and Chris Vincent

Planning Board Absent: None

YARMOUTH TOWN CLERK

Staff Present: Kathy Williams, Town Planner

Guests: three members of the public

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1. Community Visioning Presentation:

- a. **Presentation:** Kathy Williams and Joanne Crowley gave the attached PowerPoint presentation giving an overview of the Visioning process to date including a summary of the initial public feedback from this past fall/winter, the Boards draft vision of Yarmouth as a great place to Live, Work, Play and Learn, a summary of the Goals that would preserve, promote or provide for our ability to reach this vision, promoting the 2nd Visioning Survey which is open from June 1st through July 31st, and an overview of how this information will be used to develop a draft Vision Plan for public comment in the fall. The hope is to have the Vision Plan completed by the end of 2021 to move onto updating of the Local Comprehensive Plan (LCP), our community's master plan, starting next year. The LCP will get into the more specific action items and implementation strategies based on the vision/goals in the Vision Plan.
- b. **Comments:**
 - Chris Vincent noted that electric chargers should be located closer to buildings as an incentive.
 - A member of the public inquired about the role of the Planning Board in this process. Kathy Williams noted that the Planning Board was in charge of the Town's long term planning and were designated by the Board of Selectmen to conduct the Visioning project and update the Local Comprehensive Plan. He further inquired as to whether the Board had reached a consensus on the three most important items from the earlier survey. Joanne Crowley noted there were many issues identified that are being further vetted through the 2nd Survey which will help to identify the most important items.

2. Meeting Minutes:

- a. **June 2, 2021:** On a motion by Liz Hartsgrove, and seconded by Will Rubenstein, the Planning Board voted (6-0-1) to approve the meeting minutes of June 2, 2021, with Joanne Crowley, Brad Goodwin, Will Rubenstein, Liz Hartsgrove, Tom Baron, and Susan Brita voting in favor, and Chris Vincent abstaining.

3. **Board of Appeals Agenda & Decisions:** The ZBA Agenda and Decisions noted below were sent to the Planning Board via e-mail. Kathy Williams noted ZBA Decision 4896 regarding the request for additional signage at Shaws which caused some confusion at the ZBA as to whether it was a Variance or Special Permit request. The Planning Board may wish to investigate this further to clarify the language to allow such requests as a Special Permit.

4. **Committee Updates from Board Members:**

- a. **Middle School Building Committee:** Will Rubenstein noted the progress being made for the construction of the new middle school. He also noted further discussions are being held on field allocations now that this would be a shared campus with the High School.
- b. **Library Planning Committee (LPC):** Will Rubenstein noted that the LPC was looking for town owned land for a potential central library.

5. **Board Member Items:**

- a. Joanne Crowley noted that she and the Town Planner gave testimony at the June 9th Public Hearing for the Blue Sky wireless tower proposed for 1044 Route 28. The Hearing was continued to July 12th. Kathy Williams noted that she provided her comments from the hearing in writing (see attached) to the commission and that the applicant will be providing additional information on such items as the location/height, ways to camouflage the tower and additional photo-simulations.

6. **Correspondence:** Attachments noted below were sent to the Planning Board via e-mail.

7. **Staff Updates:** Kathy Williams gave a brief update on potential zoning amendments to be discussed at the July 7th meeting for consideration by the Board for the fall Special Town Meeting.

8. **Upcoming Meetings:**

- a. July 7, 2021
- b. July 21, 2021

9. **Adjournment: VOTE:** On a motion by Tom Baron, seconded by Will Rubenstein, the Planning Board voted unanimously (7-0) to adjourn at 5:20 PM.

ATTACHMENTS:

- **June 16, 2021 Agenda**
- **Community Visioning:** Visioning update PowerPoint Presentation
- **Draft Meeting Minutes:** June 2, 2021
- **Miscellaneous Correspondence:**
 - June 10, 2021 Memo from Kathy Williams, Town Planner, to John McCormack CCC Regulatory Committee Chair regarding comments on the Blue Sky Tower Monopole DRI Application made at the June 9, 2021 Public Hearing
 - Conservation Commission Agenda for June 17, 2021
 - ZBA Agenda for June 10, 2021
 - Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) Decisions 4872 thru 4876; 4878 thru 4889; 4891 thru 4893; 4895 and 4896

Approved on July 7, 2021:

On a motion by Tom Baron, and seconded by Will Rubenstein, the Planning Board voted (4-0) to approve the meeting minutes of June 16, 2021, with Joanne Crowley, Will Rubenstein, Liz Hartsgrove, and Tom Baron voting in favor