

# TOWN OF BARRINGTON PLANNING BOARD

Regular Business Meeting  
Minutes of the September 3, 2014 Meeting  
Council Chamber, Barrington Town Hall

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- Open Meeting:** The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.
- Present:** Michael McCormick – Chairman, Edgar Adams, Michael Carroll, Paul Dulchinos, Anne Galbraith, Christine O’Grady, and Adam Streit
- Absent:** Jean Robertson and Lawrence Trim
- Also Present:** Assistant Solicitor Amy Goins; Town Planner Philip Hervey; Council liaison Kate Weymouth; Audra Raleigh, secretary

## **Consent Agenda**

### **Item 3.1: Approve Minutes: August 5, 2014 Regular Business Meeting (CA)**

Motion: Mr. Dulchinos moved to approve the minutes as written; Ms. O’Grady seconded the motion and it carried unanimously (7-0).

Mr. Hervey talked about the sections of the Comprehensive Plan that were submitted to the State for review. They include: Housing, Economic Development, Circulation, Community Services & Facilities, and Open Space & Recreation. Thus far, the Town has only received feedback from the State on the first two chapters that were submitted—Circulation and Economic Development.

## **Old Business**

### **Item 5.1: 5.1 Discussion: Revisions to Comprehensive Plan: discuss emerging ideas and initial draft revisions to the following: Natural & Cultural Resources, Natural Hazards, Energy elements**

#### *Review of Natural & Cultural Resources Draft:*

The Board reviewed a draft of the Natural & Cultural Resources element. Comments included:

- Need to include actions focusing on privately owned ponds
- Add separate actions to implement existing management plans in addition to development of new ones
- Add action to educate public about use of fertilizer and the impact on water quality due to runoff
- Discuss coastal runoff as an issue

The Board reviewed a draft of the Natural Hazards element. Comments included:

- Add action – Goal 2: Provide incentives or require advanced stormwater retention on private lots
- Address planting of trees under power lines
- Mention significant sections of evacuation routes – in particular RI 114 – are in the 100- or 500-year flood zone

Sandra Wyatt, Byway Road, suggested that the Conservation Commission and the Land Trust should work together on the management plan for open space. She asked questions about privately owned ponds, including who is responsible for maintenance. She said the Plan should have strong language regarding preserving rural areas/farmland.

Mr. McCormick said the two draft elements should be sent to the State for its initial review once the Board's comments are included.

### **Reports & Special Items**

#### **Item 7.1: Schedule Comprehensive Plan Update meetings, hearings**

Three meetings have been scheduled for the Public Forums for the Comprehensive Plan Update:

- September 22, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at Hampden Meadows School
- September 25, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at Atria Bay Spring
- September 30, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at Nayatt School

Mr. McCormick reminded Mr. Hervey to be sure we have a quorum for every meeting. Mr. Hervey stated that the format could include a PowerPoint presentation and a display of poster boards of the proposed Comprehensive Plan actions, with stickers for attendees to visually "vote" on items that should be top priority as well as items that should be low on the priority list. They are also planning a workshop in October for the Planning Board and the Town Council to discuss the results of the public forums and review last minute updates to the plan.

#### **Item 7.2: Approve appointment to Technical Review Committee**

It was noted that there was one volunteer for the Technical Review Committee, Arnold Robinson. Mr. Robinson's specialty lies in Historic Preservation. He would replace Rick Greenwood, who is stepping down from the TRC.

Motion: Ms. Galbraith moved to approve the appointment of Mr. Robinson to the Technical Review Board; Mr. Dulchinos seconded the motion and it carried unanimously (7-0).

### **Reports From Planning Board Members**

- It was reported that the bids for Police Cove are in hand and under review by the Town's consulting engineer and RIDOT.
- There will be a Solar Energy Workshop on Wednesday, October 8, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at the Barrington Public Library.
- Mr. McCormick provided a summary of he wrote of the Board's comments made at the August meeting on the idea of constructing a new senior center near the Bayside YMCA or at another location. The Board had no further edits.

### **Adjournment**

Upon a motion by Mr. Carroll, with a second by Mr. Dulchinos, the Board unanimously (7-0) voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 p.m.