

ALEXANDRIA PLANNING BOARD
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MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bryan Richardson called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm. Also present were Members Marla Walls, Gary Tomlinson, David Lheureux, Harold Platts, Merry Ruggirello, Selectmen's Representative Chet Caron and Alternates Brian Reed and Alyssa Dunn. A quorum was present.

Minutes

December 21, 2022

Marla made a motion to accept the minutes as written; Gary seconded. Chet abstained, all others were in favor; none opposed.

NEW BUSINESS

PLANNING BOARD BY-LAWS

It was discussed to change the date for the election of officers for the Planning Board. The current Planning Board By-Laws state that the election is to occur at the April Planning Board meeting. Elections are held in the Town early in March (prior to the March Planning Board meeting). There have been times when the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman ended their term on the Planning Board and weren't re-elected. Discussion ensued as to the fact that changing the date still wouldn't solve the problem of determining who will run the meeting in this scenario. It was also mentioned that the new Members need to be sworn in before they are officially on the Planning Board, which is one reason the By-Laws had April as the date for electing officers. It was suggested that possibly the current chairman could appoint someone at the February meeting to step in if he/she isn't re-elected. It was decided to discuss at the next meeting and to read through the By-Laws for any other areas that need to be addressed. The By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the entire membership of the Planning Board. It was also mentioned that Marla and Gary have terms that end this year on the Planning Board. Filing for Town Offices will begin on Wednesday, January 25 through Friday, February 3rd.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Conservation Commission

Merry mentioned that Steve Whitman of the Conservation Commission had passed on Monday night. Conservation Commission meetings are normally held at 6:30 pm on the last Wednesday of each month at the Alexandria Village School (44 Mount Cardigan Road).

First Deliberative Session

The First Deliberative Session will be held on February 11th at 10am at the Town Hall.

Master Plan

The last Master Plan update was done in October 2014. The Master Plan should be updated every ten years. A survey should be done in 2023 to prepare for the 2024 Master Plan update.

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Haynes Library/AVS

A meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 23rd at 6pm. Danielle Reed indicated that this meeting is mostly for addressing legalities. A lot of discussion ensued regarding the building. It was mentioned that the building is historic and registering it as such will open the doors for more funding. A question arose as to the owner of the building. The building belongs to the Haynes Trust, but the Trust has dissolved, so the ownership seems to be in limbo. The Town Attorney has been contacted regarding the situation. The Trustees have stepped down, which caused the Trust to dissolve. All appropriate paperwork will need to be filed again and fees paid. It was mentioned that before any decisions can be made, there needs to be a Board of Trustees consisting of 5 members which include a Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary.

There was no other business brought before the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Marla made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 pm; Merry seconded. The next Planning Board meeting will be held Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Melanie Marzola, Planning Board Clerk