

ALEXANDRIA PLANNING BOARD
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MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, February 15, 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, Selectmen's Representative Chet Caron and Alternates Brian Reed and Alyssa Dunn. A quorum was present.

Alternate Alyssa Dunn was asked to sit in for Member Merry Ruggirello.

Minutes

January 18, 2023

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

NEW BUSINESS

PLANNING BOARD BY-LAWS

Discussion regarding the Planning Board By-Laws was continued from the January 18th meeting. The Clerk researched By-Laws of other towns in New Hampshire and found some wording regarding the person to chair the meeting after Town elections. The suggested wording reads "The meeting after Town Meeting/Election shall be called to order by the current Chairperson or the most senior member in years of service present." The steps involved in amending the By-Laws was discussed. It was agreed that the clarification in the minutes will suffice until the next update to the By-Laws is done. All were in favor of the clarification, none were opposed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Petition Warrant Article – It was discussed that there is a petitioned warrant article on the ballot to rescind the Budget Committee altogether. The Article (Article 19) reads "*To see if the Town will rescind the vote taken per Article 11 of the 2016 Town Meeting that established a municipal budget committee. The rescission is authorized by NH RSA 32:14 (Article presented by petition).*" The thought was that the change was intended to change from a Municipal Budget Committee to an Advisory Board, which means instead of being elected, the Board is voluntary. Much discussion ensued regarding the pros and cons of not having a Budget Committee and the added workload this would be for the Board of Selectmen. Harold added that when there is a Municipal Budget, the budget can't increase greater than 10% in a given year.

Haynes Library Board – There is a meeting tomorrow night at 6:30 at the AVS. It was mentioned that until there are 5 people on the Board, they can't adopt By-Laws for the Haynes Library Board.

March 14th is the Town Election and March 15th is the next Planning Board meeting.

There was no other business brought before the Board.

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ADJOURNMENT

Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 pm; Marla seconded. The next Planning Board meeting will be held Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Melanie Marzola, Planning Board Clerk