

MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bryan Richardson called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm. Also present were Members Merry Ruggirello, Gary Tomlinson, Marla Walls, Harold Platts, Selectmen's Representative Chet Caron and Alternates Brian Reed, Ed Skroback and Alyssa Dunn. A quorum was present.

Alternate Brian Reed was asked to sit in for Member David Lheureux.

Minutes

June 21, 2023

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

NEW BUSINESS

MASTER PLAN

Copies of the last survey distributed (in 2013) were given to Board Members as well as a survey from Haverhill and Orford for reference. It was discussed that we should begin constructing the new survey at the August meeting and that the format used previously is preferred. It was mentioned that mailing the surveys is a very costly endeavor. Discussion ensued as to how to distribute the surveys. Some ideas were to have them available at the old Town Hall on voting day or if they aren't ready at that time, to make a notice indicating when they will be available and where to pick them up. Merry mentioned she contributes a weekly column in the Newfound Landing and can mention it there. It was also mentioned that copies could be made available at Town Hall, the Transfer Station and on the Town website. Instead of forming a committee for the Master Plan, it was mentioned the Board as a whole will work on it at meetings with a light agenda. All Members were asked to go through the previous survey before the August meeting and mark it up to expedite the process at the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONSERVATION COMMISSION – Merry informed the Board that the Conservation Commission didn't meet last month because of lack of a quorum. They hold their meetings on the last Wednesday of each month.

HAYNES LIBRARY – Merry is a trustee for the Haynes Library Board. She mentioned that the question was raised as to whether the Town should take over the library. It was mentioned we should keep the library in mind when developing questions for the Master Plan survey. It was mentioned that one major setback at the library is there is currently no running water or septic.

LRPC – Bryan mentioned he attended the LRPC meeting at Church Landing a few weeks ago. The primary focus of the meeting was on solar energy and trying to get municipalities to buy into getting solar power for their municipal buildings.

AVS – More discussion on how we might better utilize the building in the future.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

TRANSFER STATION

Chet informed the Board that the town got its permit to build the new Transfer Station. Now funding needs to be obtained.

SCHOOL BUDGET

Chet informed the Board that the school budget has just gone up another \$40,000 a month.

There was no other business brought before the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Merry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 pm; Brian seconded. The next Planning Board meeting will be held Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Melanie Marzola, Planning Board Clerk