

ALEXANDRIA PLANNING BOARD
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MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, July 17, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bryan Richardson called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm. Also present was Member Alyssa Dunn, Brian Reed, Harold Platts and Alternates Ed Skroback, Danielle Reed and Doug Sirotnak. A quorum was present. Also present were Nikki Wooster-Goodwin, Steve Wooster-Goodwin and Tony Neumeister.

Alternate Doug Sirotnak was asked to sit in for Member Merry Ruggirello and Alternate Ed Skroback was asked to sit in for Member Marla Walls.

MINUTES

June 19, 2024

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

NEW BUSINESS

ALTERNATE

Danielle Reed's position as Alternate had expired. She submitted a letter of interest to the Planning Board to continue as an Alternate. The position would expire in March 2027. Alyssa made a motion to appoint Danielle as Alternate; Brian seconded. All were in favor; none opposed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Doug mentioned the meeting for July was rescheduled to the end of the month.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Danielle mentioned the Budget Committee meets on the second Tuesday of every month. The next meeting is August 13th. She added that all non-profits who receive funds from Alexandria are being asked to come before the Committee to discuss their services to the Town.

COMMUNITY REPORTS

ALEXANDRIA RECREATION COMMITTEE

Tony Neumeister, Nikki Wooster-Goodwin and Steve Wooster-Goodwin represented the new Alexandria Recreation Committee. Tony informed the Board he was approached by the Selectmen to get a committee together to utilize the green space around Town Hall. Some suggestions that are being considered are:

- Build an amphitheater around the gazebo for educational purposes.
- Memorial walk where residents can buy and plant something in memory
- Ice skating rink
- Snowshoeing trail for winter
- Memorial garden

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- Butterfly garden
- Community garden – it was mentioned maybe a little shed could be constructed to store shared tools that are donated for people to use in the garden.

It was mentioned that the committee is looking for donations from outside vendors. It was discussed they could have some food trucks and beer trucks outside for certain events. A Facebook page was developed to gather ideas and get feedback from Alexandria residents. Doug mentioned the Conservation Commission is also looking into storybook trails as well as a memorial tree. It was discussed that the hope is to cross the Alexandria Recreation Committee with other committees to share in some of the goals, which are similar across the board. Nikki mentioned the events that have started, such as the Easter Egg Hunt and the Christmas Tree lighting, have helped draw people to the center of Town. Tony mentioned he attended the Budget Committee meeting and was told about \$31,000 goes to the TTCC each year. The hope is to tap into some of that to keep activities local in Alexandria. Nikki added that the goal isn't to recreate the TTCC, just to add naturally based and easily accessible activities in Alexandria. It was mentioned that Dilys Morris, who is a certified Master Gardener, has already volunteered to run some clinics and share her knowledge. An email list was formed to keep residents updated on the committee. If you would like to be on the email list, you can contact Fran in the Town Clerk's Office and give her your information. She will forward to the appropriate people. Steve mentioned that another goal of the Committee is to get people into the buildings that exist in Town (library, school).

Doug mentioned a trail on the Kanc (about 1 mile from Lincoln Woods), called the Discovery Trail, is a storybook trail that is wheelchair accessible and may provide some good ideas to the Committee.

There was no other business brought before the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Bryan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 pm; Harold seconded. The next Planning Board meeting will be held Wednesday, August 21, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Melanie Marzola, Planning Board Clerk