



**PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OF JANUARY 21, 2025**

Members: Etienne Hancock, Josh Goldstein, John Meyer, James Morris, Wally Reeve

Absent:

ADMINISTRATION and STAFF: Brent Raymond, Town Manager; Judi Alberi, Executive Assistant.

PARTICIPANTS/GUESTS: Jamie Brewster; Martin Green, David Ring, Laura Green, Tom Cloutier, Evelyn Throne, Mary Lou Nichols, Jerry Throne, Jamie Jaret

4:00PM - CALL TO ORDER

Etienne Hancock called the Planning Council Meeting to order at 4:00PM at the Tegu Building.

4:01PM - DISCUSS

1. Discussion and possible solution for Interim Zoning Administrator

Don McDowell announced that Todd Thomas resigned as Zoning Administrator and Planning Director. This meeting of the Selectboard and Planning Council is to identify the long-term needs to address these positions, and the short-term actions needed to process zoning permits and business. The long-term decisions will include the Selectboard, Planning Council, DRB, Trustees, and the community coming together to identify the needs and make recommendations for the future.

Planning Council members are willing to discuss options involving disbanding the Planning Council and creating a Planning Commission. They do not feel this needs to be rushed and would like to explore all the options and implications of their choices. Member Goldstein is in favor of the board operating as it has been for the past many years whether it is a council or a commission.

The short-term goals are immediate due to the need for a Zoning Administrator to process current permits in keeping with the bylaws. Discussion ensued regarding the use of an interim Zoning Administrator which would allow time for a search for a permanent administrator and the consideration of hiring two administrators to manage zoning and planning. The conversation focused on assigning Brent Raymond as the interim Zoning Administrator and Kevin Petrochko as the assistant zoning administrator. It was decided to use a consultant's services, Stone Shore Municipal Consulting, LLC, Ronald Rodjenski, Jr to support the interim staffing. A further discussion of the long-term needs will be arranged soon.

5:00PM - ADJOURN

Motion made by John Meyer to adjourn the Planning Council. Motion seconded by Jamie Morris. Motion carried (5/0).

***Meeting adjourned at 4:50pm
Submitted and filed this 1/27/25***

Judi Alberi, Scribe

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