



## TOWN OF PORTSMOUTH PLANNING BOARD

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### PORTSMOUTH PLANNING BOARD Special Meeting May 25, 2016

**Members Present:** Guy Bissonnette, Edward Lopes, Luke Harding, Michael James, and David Garceau.

**Members Absent:** Ryan Tibbetts and Kathleen Wilson

**Others Present:** Atty. Kevin Gavin, Portsmouth Town Solicitor, Gary Crosby, Town Planner, Michael Asciola, Assistant Town Planner and Leon Lesinski, Administrative Officer, Portsmouth Planning Board

The Meeting was called to order by Mr. Bissonnette at 7:00 p.m.

**1. Agenda Continuances/Modifications:** none

**2. Minutes for Planning Board Special Meeting of April 28, 2016**

**MOTION:** Mr. Harding made a motion, seconded by Mr. Garceau to approve the minutes of the special meeting of April 28, 2016 with the following corrections: Page 1, under "Members Present", insert "Luke Harding" and Page 2, line 1, delete "Harbor Master" and insert "Harbor Commission Chairperson." All in favor. So voted. Mr. James abstained from the vote due to his absence from the meeting.

**3. Continue the review and discussion of the proposed Services and Facilities Element (7) of the Comprehensive Community Plan**

In response to Mr. Bissonnette, Gary Crosby, Town Planner stated that the Planning Board will vote to provisionally accept or deny the draft of Element 7 at the next Planning Board special meeting on the Comprehensive Community Plan, scheduled for June 29, 2016. Mr. Bissonnette directed Mr. Lesinski to include an item for that vote on the agenda for the June 29<sup>th</sup> special meeting.

Mr. Crosby conducted a review of the draft of Element 7 – Services and Facilities, Portsmouth Comprehensive Community Plan, dated May 13, 2016. He highlighted specific revisions to the March 28, 2016 draft of the element which are incorporated into May 13 draft. Mr. Crosby noted that each revision is derived from either his notes from the April 25, 2016 meeting of the Citizens

Interested in the Comprehensive Community Planning Process Committee, from a discussion between himself and Mr. Bissonnette after the April 28, 2016 Planning Board special meeting, or from additional data and information that was either submitted to him or that he researched.

Mr. Bissonnette called for Planning Board member comment or questions. In response to Mr. Lopes, Mr. Crosby agreed to make a revision that would indicate that, on page 9, under Town Boards, the Design Review Board is a subset of the Planning Board.

Mr. Bissonnette called for public comment.

Frederick Marano, 200 Lepes Road, member, Citizens Interested in the Comprehensive Community Planning Process Committee appeared representing the committee to present a detailed summary their recommendations for revisions to the March 28 draft of Element 7. He noted that the recommendations were voted on by the committee and incorporated into the minutes of the committee's May 3, 2016 meeting. He noted that the committee had only recently received the May 13 draft of Element 7. He noted that the committee's action(s) on that draft will be made available to the Planning Board for their action. He noted that his summary of the recommendations from the committee remains valid notwithstanding the changes discussed by Mr. Crosby.

Judy Staven, 51 Longmeadow Road, member, Citizens Interested in the Comprehensive Community Planning Process Committee appeared representing her own interests and concerns for specific references to Land Use 2025 in the Introduction of the May 13 draft under State Goals and Policies. She reviewed a package that she prepared for her presentation.

Mr. Bissonnette closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

The Planning Board took no action during the meeting.

At 7:46 p.m., a motion was duly made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. So voted.

Respectfully submitted:  
Dede Walsh  
Recording Secretary for:

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Leon Lesinski,  
Administrative Officer