



TOWN OF PORTSMOUTH PLANNING BOARD

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PORTSMOUTH PLANNING BOARD Special Meeting April 25, 2018

Members Present: Guy Bissonnette, Luke Harding, David Garceau, Michael James and Kathleen Wilson

Members Absent: Ryan Tibbetts and Edward Lopes

Others Present: Michael Asciola, Assistant Town Planner, Atty. Kevin Gavin, Town Solicitor 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. Approval of minutes for Special Meeting of March 28, 2018

MOTION: Ms. Wilson made a motion, seconded by Mr. James, to approve the minutes for the special meeting of March 28, 2018. The motion was carried. Messrs. Garceau and Harding abstaining due to their absence at the meeting.

3. Review the Natural Resources and Recreation Elements of the Portsmouth Comprehensive Community Plan.

Natural Resources Element

Mr. Asciola stated that the Planning Board has to hear comments on the Natural Resources Element from the Citizens Interested in the Comprehensive Community Planning Process Committee (CICCPPC)

Frederick Marano, 200 Lepes Road, appeared representing the CICCPPC to present written recommendations for revisions to the Natural Resources Element. The Planning Board considered the recommendations as follows:

1. Goal NR-1: The Planning Board took no action on the recommendation.
2. Action NR-1.1a: "Hire a Town Engineer." is changed to "Recommend hiring a Town Engineer."
3. Action NR-1.1b:

MOTION: Mr. Harding made a motion, seconded by Ms. Wilson to adopt the CICCPPC recommendation for Action NR-1.1b. The motion was defeated. Mr. Harding and Ms. Wilson for and Messrs. Bissonnette, James and Garceau against.

4. Actions NR-1.1d and 1.1f:
MOTION: Mr. Harding made a motion, seconded by Ms. Wilson to list Action NR 1.1f directly after Action NR 1.1d and correct the alphanumeric codes for the action items under Goal NR-1 accordingly. All in favor. So voted.
5. Action NR – 1.1g: Insert “(cluster subdivision)” after “conservation subdivision development.”
6. Action NR – 1.1i: Mr. Asciola stated that the Planning staff is still working on the wording for this action item.
7. Recommendation for an additional action item to Policy NR-1.1: The Planning Board took no action on the recommendation.
8. Action NR-1.2f: Replace “Undertake the...” with “Develop an...” and delete “developed” after monitoring.
9. Action NR-1.2h: Insert “undeveloped” after “identified”.
10. Action NR-1.2i: The Planning Board took no action on the recommendation.
11. Action NR-1.4a:
MOTION: Ms. Wilson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harding, to delete the drafted wording and replace it with “Develop an open space acquisition plan” under Action NR-1.4a. All in favor. So voted.
12. Action NR-1.4b: The Planning Board took no action on the recommendation.
13. Action NR-1.4c:
MOTION: Ms. Wilson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harding to delete “so called” from Action NR-1.4c. All in favor. So voted.
14. Action NR-1.4e: The Planning Board took no action on the recommendation.
15. Action NR-1.4h: The Planning Board took no action on the recommendation.
16. Action NR-1.5a:
MOTION: Mr. Harding made a motion, seconded by Ms. Wilson to insert “...and preserve...” after “Identify” in Action NR-1.5a. All in favor. So voted.
17. Action NR-1.5b:
MOTION: Mr. Harding made a motion, seconded by Ms. Wilson, to delete “damage” from Action Item NR-1.5b. All in favor. So voted.
18. Action NR-1.5c: The Planning Board took no action on the recommendation.
19. Action NR-1.5e: Mr. Asciola stated that the Planning staff is still working on the wording for this action item.
20. Action NR-1.6a:
MOTION: Mr. Harding made a motion, seconded by Ms. Wilson, to delete “districts” and replace it with “uses” under Action Item NR-1.6a. The motion was carried with 4 votes approving and one vote (Mr. James) against.

Recreation Element

Mr. Asciola reviewed the draft of the Recreation Element, dated April 24, 2018. After hearing comment from Mr. Marano, Mr. Asciola agreed to submit a completed draft (with action items) of the Recreation Element to the CICCPC by May 14, 2018.

4. Review the Planning Board Comprehensive Plan Workshop Schedule

The next workshop is scheduled for May 23, 2018.

At 8:11 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:

Leon Lesinski
Administrative Officer