

PRUDENCE ISLAND PLANNING COMMISSION

Upon a motion by Mr. Sherman, seconded by Mr. Little, that the Prudence Island Planning Commission consist of seven persons. All voted in favor of the motion.

Mrs. Edwards read the following guidelines:

PURPOSE: A public and open forum such as a Prudence Island Planning Commission will generate frank and open discussion and exploration of comprehensive and important island-community issues, and be usefull as a sounding board for ideas, plans and expectations of island residents and land users. Through collective discussion, equitable solutions can be reached.

GUIDELINES:

MEMBERSHIP: Seven members, four members a quorum.
Four year terms, staggered, initial terms to be: one, one year term; two, two year terms; two three year terms, and two, four year terms.

May succeed oneself.

DATES OF MEETINGS:

At least quarterly.
Probably - a Saturday, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th of month.
First meeting to take place in October, assuring organization of Commission.

OPERATION OF COMMISSION:

Must operate under Rhode Island Open Meetings Law.
Minutes of Meetings to be forwarded to the Town Administrator for distribution to Council Members.

Commission to establish its own Agenda, Agenda to close seven to ten days before meeting. Any Prudence Island resident may place an issue on the Agenda. The Town Council or Town Administrator may place an issue or issues on the Agenda.

The Commission will operate under Roberts Rules of Order.

Every resident shall have a right to be heard.

The Commission shall elect its own chairman, vice chairman, and secretary.

The Planning Commission will serve as the Island's liaison with the Town Council via the Town Administrator.

AUTHORITY OF THE PRUDENCE ISLAND PLANNING COMMISSION:

It may make advisory recommendations to the Portsmouth Town Council.

Upon a motion by Mr. Sherman, seconded by Mr. Hall, that when the seven members are appointed that the names be placed in a hat and drawn out to establish the one year member, two two-year members, two three-year members and two four-year members in order to determine who will have which scope of office for the initial seating. All voted in favor of the motion.

Upon a motion by Mr. Sherman, seconded by Mr. Little THAT THE CONCEPT (Prudence Island Planning Commission) PRESENTED BY THE CHAIR and the basic outlines of meeting quarterly, the first meeting to be in October of this year, the open meeting laws to prevail to establish their own Agenda. That any resident, part time, full time may place any item on the agenda. That the Town Administrator has the right to place items on the agenda at any time on behalf of the Council or the Town. That Roberts Rules prevail. That the Commission establish its own chair, vice chair and secretary and the Commission liaison be via the Town Administrator to the Town Council. Let those concepts be adopted. Clarification meetings must be at least quarterly, agendas must be posted far enough in advance, same as the Council. All voted in favor of the motion.

From the Town Council Meeting of October 6, 1986.