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ORLEANS PLANNING BOARD

MARCH 8, 2022 - Minutes

A meeting of the Orleans Planning Board was called to order at 6:00 p.m. remotely via Zoom from Town Hall. **Present:** **Chairman:** Chet Crabtree; **Vice-Chairman:** Debra Oakes; **Clerk:** Alice Thomason Van Oot. **Regular Members:** Charles Bechtold and Richard Hartmann. **Associate:** John Ostman. **Planning Department Staff:** George Meservey and **Secretary:** Karen Sharpless. **Also Present:** **Select Board Liaison:** Mefford Runyon **Absent:** **Associate:** Joy Cuming

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments at this point in the meeting.

6:00 P.M. – PUBLIC SCENIC TREE HEARING - EVERSOURCE

Planning Board Clerk Alice Thomason Van Oot read the legal ad into the record.

Speakers/Attendees:

- Dennis Hall (Orleans Tree Warden)
- Kyle Barry (Eversource)
- Jordan Young (Eversource)

Kyle Barry presented information on the 2022 Eversource Energy Vegetation Management Plan for Electric Circuits 4-83-951, 4-94A-94A, and 4-95B-600. Barry stated that the current plan is only for pruning, no tree cutting and removals in order to provide 10' clearance on each side and 15' above electric lines. Barry noted that sucker growth will also be removed. Dennis Hall stated he has no objections to the proposed plan, but has requested that the pruning work be limited to Mondays – Fridays only. Meservey reported that no tree cutting is proposed in this plan and all work is to be coordinated with the Orleans Tree Warden. Meservey noted that if the Orleans Tree Warden rules that a tree is hazardous and needs to be removed, he can make that determination without the need for a public tree hearing.

MOTION: On a motion by **Richard Hartmann**, seconded by **Charles Bechtold**, the Board voted to approve the request from Eversource for the 2022 Eversource Energy Vegetation Management Plan for tree pruning with the stipulation that it be done in coordination with the Orleans Tree Warden and work limited to Mondays – Fridays only.

VOTE: 5-0-0 The motion passed unanimously.

CAPE COD COMMISSION - LOCAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GUIDANCE

Planning Board members discussed a document entitled, "Local Comprehensive Plan Guidance", dated August 12, 2019 put out by the Cape Cod Commission. Meservey noted that in order for a town to obtain Cape Cod Commission certification for a local comprehensive Plan it must contain the following:

- Vision Statement
- Existing Conditions
- Goals
- Capital Facilities Plan
- Housing Plan
- Targeted Action Plan

Meservey noted that the Orleans Comprehensive Plan is in the process of being updated and 80% of the recommendations have been completed. Meservey indicated that including updated information from the 2020 Census would provide a more complete plan.

ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE

Meservey reported that a meeting was held with restaurant owners regarding outdoor music and the issue was resolved and an agreement was made to stop playing music by 8:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners (Richard Hartmann)

Hartmann reported that the sewer project is moving forward and paving streets will start on April 1st. Hartmann noted that the Select Board will be holding a public hearing on 4 betterment scenarios on March 9th.

Community Preservation Committee (Chet Crabtree)

Crabtree reported that the Community Preservation Committee has made recommendations on many of the proposed project requests for funding and a list will be forwarded to the Select Board with a recommendation for inclusion on the Annual Town Meeting warrant.

Governor Prence Planning Committee (Debra Oakes)

Oakes reported on progress by the Governor Prence Planning Committee and noted that community input will be sought on what residents feel would be the best use for the Governor Prence property.

Community Center Feasibility Task Force (Alice Thomason Van Oot)

Van Oot reported on progress by the Community Center Feasibility Task Force and reiterated the need to work together with other committees in order to provide resources for all ages in the community.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: On a motion by **Alice Thomason Van Oot**, seconded by **Charles Bechtold**, the Board voted to approve the Planning Board minutes for February 22, 2022.

VOTE: 5-0-0 The motion passed unanimously.


FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- The Economic Development Plan will be presented at the Planning Board meeting on March 8, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: On a motion by **Richard Hartmann**, seconded by **Debra Oakes**, the Board voted to adjourn the Planning Board meeting at 7:00 p.m.

VOTE: 5-0-0 The motion passed unanimously.

SIGNED:  **DATE:** 3/17/22
(Alice Thomason Van Oot, Clerk)

LIST OF HANDOUTS:

PUBLIC SCENIC TREE HEARING - EVERSOURCE

- Application and back up information for a request by Eversource for tree trimming in town.

CAPE COD COMMISSION – LOCAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GUIDANCE

- Cape Cod Commission – Local Comprehensive Plan Guidance, dated August 12, 2019

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Planning Board minutes for February 22, 2022