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ORLEANS PLANNING BOARD

JUNE 14, 2022 – Hybrid Meeting Minutes

A hybrid meeting of the Orleans Planning Board was called to order at 4:00 p.m. from the Nauset Meeting Room at Town Hall. **Present:** **Chairman:** Chet Crabtree; **Vice-Chairman:** Debra Oakes (via Zoom); **Clerk:** Alice Thomason Van Oot. **Associate:** John Ostman. **Planning Department Staff:** George Meservey and **Secretary:** Karen Sharpless. **Also Present:** **Board of Selectmen Liaison:** Mefford Runyon **Absent:** **Regular Members:** Charles Bechtold and Richard Hartmann; **Associate:** Joy Cuming.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Runyon noted concerns that have been raised by business owners regarding the current bylaw regarding backlit signs. Runyon stated his opinion that backlit signs are “fine if they are kept under control”. Mefford Runyon noted that the rules were put in place long before LED lights were used. Van Oot stated that she would want to see a sample of some signs.

HOME RULE CHARTER, CHAPTER 9, PLANNING & THE ENVIRONMENT

Planning Board members discussed Chapter 9 of the Home Rule Charter entitled, “Planning & the Environment” and questioned the need for a Charter Committee requirement that the Planning Board work with other boards, since that is already a Planning Board practice.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Planning Board members discussed the Economic Development Plan and noted it was unanimously approved by the Select Board as presented by Streetsense. Planning Board members discussed correspondence received in response to the Economic Development Plan presentation and stated opinions on recommendations in a letter from the Finance Committee. Planning Board members noted the importance of obtaining input from residents and business owners as the plan moves forward.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Preservation Committee (Chet Crabtree)

Crabtree reported that all Community Preservation Committee funding recommendations were approved at the Annual Town Meeting.

Governor Prence Planning Committee (Debra Oakes)

Oakes reported on progress by the Governor Prence Planning Committee with guidance from the consultant, Barrett Planning Group. Suggestions for the Governor Prence property include options for affordable housing. Runyon suggested that height limitations could be lifted to make the project more advantageous. Oakes noted that future funding for the project could be a concern.

Community Center Feasibility Task Force (Alice Thomason Van Oot)

Van Oot reported on work by the Community Center Feasibility Task Force and expressed concern with the number of overlapping tasks with work by the Governor Prence Planning Committee. Van Oot noted a number of options under consideration include the Council on Aging, a community center combining generations and a determination on the size building needing, considering the large costs differences.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: On a motion by **Alice Thomason Van Oot**, seconded by **John Ostman**, the Board voted to approve the Planning Board minutes for April 12, 2022.

VOTE: 4-0-0 The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: On a motion by **Alice Thomason Van Oot**, seconded by **John Ostman**, the Board voted to approve the Planning Board minutes for April 26, 2022.


VOTE: 4-0-0 The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

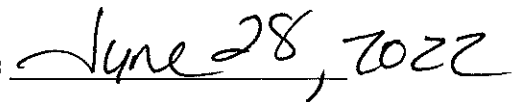
MOTION: On a motion by **Alice Thomason Van Oot**, seconded by **John Ostman**, the Board voted to adjourn the Planning Board meeting at **5:10 p.m.**

VOTE: 4-0-0 The motion passed unanimously.

SIGNED:


(Alice Thomason Van Oot, Clerk)

DATE:



LIST OF HANDOUTS:

REVIEW HOME RULE CHARTER, CHAPTER 9, PLANNING & THE ENVIRONMENT

- Home Rule Charter, Chapter 9, Planning & the Environment

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN

- Draft Economic Development Plan, dated April 26, 2022
- Letter from Lynn Bruneau on behalf of the Finance Committee, dated May 5, 2022
- Letter from Paul Niedzwiecki on behalf of the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce, dated April 25, 2022

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Planning Board minutes for April 12, 2022
- Planning Board minutes for April 26, 2022