Minutes
Planning Commission April 7, 2021, via Zoom 5 PM

Present: Christine Armstrong, Kent Hansen, Linda Romans, Brett Stanciu, Carol Fairbank, MacNeil, Day Patterson, Michael Porazzo.

Absent: Ellen Celnik and Jerilyn Virden.

Meeting called to order at 5:01 p.m.

1. Approve the Meeting Minutes for March 24: Christine proposed an amendment to switch Carol and Christine’s names regarding 2.7 Reconstruction of a Boathouse. Motion to approve with this amendment by Kent, seconded by Christine, carried.

2. Greater Greensboro Task Forces Updates:
   ● Lake Water Quality Task Force: Christine noted a virtual meeting will be held on Thursday, April 8, held by Oliver Pierson, the Lakes and Ponds Program Manager at Vermont’s Agency of Natural Resources, about the idea for reclassification of Greensboro lakes and other lakes and ponds in the Northeast Kingdom. Kent noted this change in status will require a public hearing and a vote in the state legislature.
   ● Connected Greensboro Task Force: Carol noted a survey administered by NEK collaborate is available for anyone beta testing Starlink.

3. Shoreland Protection District Bylaw: Carol said the bulk of this meeting will be devoted to planning. Extensive discussion revolved around the required report and public warning for the public hearing. By consensus, the Commission agreed to remove docks from the SPD bylaw, after a written comment from John Hasen. The Commission determined that public waters are not in the jurisdiction of the Town. Christine said tighter dock regulations should be suggested to the legislature.

   Day Patterson asked to have the word “only” removed from the boathouse definition. Carol noted this suggestion will be considered in future revisions of the bylaw.

   It was agreed that the May 5 date was not feasible as a timeline for the public hearing. Brett agreed to find a previous Greensboro example of a bylaw amendment report, draft the report of the changes suggested by the DRB, and write the warning. Christine and Carol agreed to complete the SPD section of the report, with links to the Town Plan. Linda will send her references to the Town Plan. At the April 21 meeting, the Commission will confirm a public hearing date, expected to be June 2.
Kent said two more bylaw sections have been approved by the Planning Commission. The Commission agreed to discuss the Extended Village Zone at the April 21 meeting, and the Eligo Resource District bylaw at the May 5 meeting. The Commission expects to move these two bylaw sections together to a public hearing.

Extensive discussion revolved around meeting format. It was agreed that Carol, as Chair, should answer questions, unless another member is better qualified to answer. Public comment will be limited to two-minute commentary in the interests of time. The Commission agreed to set up the format for the public hearing at their May 19 meeting. A virtual format is planned for the June 2 hearing.

4. New Business: Linda made a motion to enter into executive session for educational purposes at 6:15 p.m. Seconded by Kent. The Commission came out of executive session at 6:27 p.m. with no decision.

5. Next Regular Planning Commission Meeting will be April 19, 2021, at 5 p.m.

9. Adjourn. At 6:29 p.m., Kent made a motion to adjourn. The Commission adjourned by consensus.

Respectfully submitted,

Brett Stanciu, Zoning Administrator