

TOWN OF PATTEN
PO Box 260, Patten, Maine

Planning Board
MINUTES - March 21, 2024

1. Call to Order: 4:30 PM at Lumbermen's Museum

Attendance: Ron Blum, Dennis Brackett, Joel Fitzpatrick, Craig Greenier, Les Hill,
Kent Smallwood, Kristen Wittine

Chair noted reappointment of Kristen and appointment of Les to Regular membership, and appointment of Craig and Kent to Associate membership. He characterized role and opportunities of Associate membership.

2. Review of Agenda: Given Mr. Kamm's cancellation due to weather, focus is on working on pending ordinances.

The concept of a Subcommittee of the Planning Board to address revision of the Comprehensive Plan was embraced by the Board. It was felt the Planning Board should have a presence on the Subcommittee as well as the Board of Selectmen if they choose.

Suggested membership should represent a range of ages and interests:

- a. Craig Greenier – Worked on existing Comprehensive Plan
- b. Kristen Wittine – worked with Jay Kamm on Plan for another community
- c. Janice Dancer – liaison with Board of Selectmen, worked on existing Plan
- d. MaryAlice Mowry – Worked on initial approach to revision as past member of the Planning Board
- e. Dewey Loft – with Nat'l Park Service, Joel will pursue.

3. Review of minutes of Feb. 15 meeting: Approved without correction and accepted by acclamation. Signed copy delivered to Town Clerk, who was briefly present.

4. Report of March 6 meeting of Board of Selectmen: Noted appointment of Associate members.

5. Election of Officers: Secretary has resigned from the Board. Further, our prior election of a slate of officers was not consistent with the Rules of Order, given the absence of a Nominating Committee. Therefore the chair reopened Nominations for officers.

- a. Chairman - Ron Blum was nominated by Kristen, seconded by Dennis, elected by acclamation.
- b. Vice-chairman – Joel Fitzpatrick was nominated by Les, seconded by Kristen, elected by acclamation.
- c. Secretary – Craig Greenier was nominated by Ron, seconded by Joel, elected by acclamation.

6. Old Business:

a. Tiny Homes Ordinance – Draft copies distributed and reviewed line by line with some changes/corrections. Consensus reached on final document and with unanimous approval agreed to forward corrected version to the Board of Selectmen for review and consideration at a Town election.

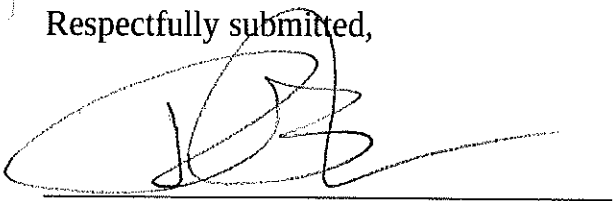
b. Holding Tank Ordinance – Current ordinance was read line by line. With minimal changes it was agreed unanimously to forward corrected version to the Board of Selectmen for review and consideration at a Town Election.

c. Joel led brief discussion regarding Nuisance properties. Prior suggestion that any seven (7) citizens could designate a nuisance property is limited to drug abuse, alcohol abuse, or prostitution, but not other categories of dangerous or nuisance properties..

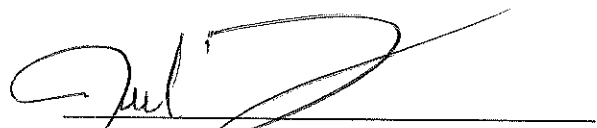
7. Next meeting April 18, 2024, at Lumbermen’s Museum, 4:30 PM
Mr. Kamm has been invited to reschedule to that date.

8. Adjourn: 5:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,



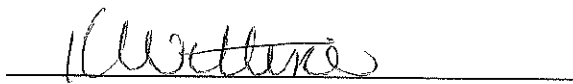
Ron Blum, chair



Joel Fitzpatrick, vice-chair

Dennis Brackett

Les Hill



Kristen Wittine