

TOWN of PATTEN
P.O. Box 260
Patten, Maine 04765

Planning Board Minutes
May 16, 2024

1. Call to Order - 4:30 PM
2. Attendance: Ron Blum, Dennis Brackett, Joel Fitzpatrick, Les Hill, Kent Smallwood,
Kristen Wittine. Craig Greenier - excused
Guest: Gail Albert
3. Review of Agenda – no changes
4. Meeting with Selectmen, May 14, by Kristen: Update report well received, no issues raised.
5. Old Business
 - a. Subcommittee on Comprehensive Plan – Nominees approved. Awaiting scheduling of first meeting.
 - b. Tiny Home Ordinance – The previously completed draft was returned by the Board of Selectmen for approval of the latest format. However the Town Manager pointed out that Section 6.3 mandated connection to the public sewer where available. That reportedly is in conflict with our current Sewer Ordinance and thus could not be enacted.
After lengthy discussion it was agreed that the Section would be rewritten to refer to the Sewer Ordinance.
 - c. Holding Tank Ordinance – The previously completed draft was returned by the Board of Selectmen for approval of the latest format.
Motion made by Kristen and seconded by Dennis to approve the reformatted version. Passed unanimously
To be forwarded to the Board of Selectmen with today's date of Planning Board approval.

6. New Business

a. Sidewalk and Vehicle Snow Removal Ordinance - A two-page long apparent Draft was read and found fraught with issues and inconsistencies. Need for all or parts of this Ordinance was questioned, noting State Statute 3658.

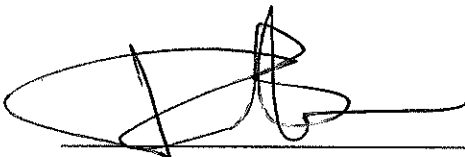
Action was tabled pending inclusion of Town Public Works Manager in discussion.

b. Emergency 911 (E911) Ordinance – A three-page long apparent Draft was briefly reviewed. It was suggested that State regulation mandated such an Ordinance. Action was tabled pending review of the State sample Ordinance.

7. Next Regular Meeting – June 20, 2024, at 4:30 PM **at the Town Garage.**

8. Adjournment 5:51 PM

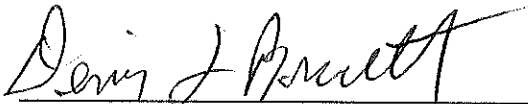
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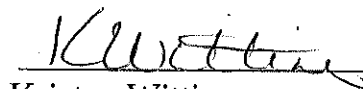
Ron Blum, chair



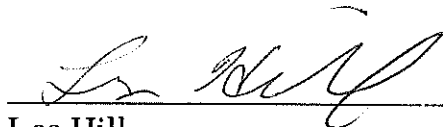
Joel Fitzpatrick, Vice-chair



Dennis Brackett



Kristen Wittine



Les Hill