

A regular meeting of the Bath Planning Board was called on 10-4-11 for the purpose of conducting regular business.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bob Oxtan, Chair
James Hopkinson, Vice Chair
Andy Omo
John Swenson
Cal Stilphen
Megan Hixon (non-voting student member)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Paul Fraser
Haley Grill (non-voting student member)

STAFF PRESENT

Andrew Deci, Planning Director

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Marsha Hinton, Recording Secretary

Mr. Oxtan, Chair, called the meeting to order in the third floor Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 4, 2011.

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MR. HOPKINSON MOVED, SECONDED BY MR. SWENSON, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL**Old Business****Item 1****Planning Board Discussion of Article 17 – Wireless Communications**

Mr. Deci distributed a revised draft of the land use code amendment for wireless communication facilities to the Board members. He discussed the revisions, identifying that some of the changes were initiated from discussion of the Planning Board at the September 20, 2011, meeting, while others were suggested subsequent to a review of the draft by the City Solicitor.

The Planning Board discussed the modifications, suggesting additional changes to the restrictions of tower height above the average canopy height, a preference for monopole structures rather than guyed and lattice facilities, and general corrections for clarity and consistency.

Mr. Deci stated that he would modify the draft and prepare it for additional review in the upcoming month.

There being no further discussion of the draft, **MR. STILPHEN MOVED, SECONDED BY MR. OMO, TO TABLE ACTION ON THE AMENDMENT TO THE NOVEMBER PLANNING BOARD MEETING.**

UNANIMIOUS APPROVAL

New Business

Other Business

Mr. Oxtan informed the Board that the bylaws of the Planning Board required the election of officers must be prior to November.

Election of Officers

Mr. Deci opened the floor for nominations for the position of Vice Chair.

MR. SWENSON MOVED, SECONDED BY MR. OMO TO REELECT MR. HOPKINSON AS VICE CHAIR FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL

Mr. Deci opened the floor for nominations for the position of Chair.

MR. OMO MOVED, SECONDED BY MR. HOPKINSON TO REELECT MR. OXTON AS CHAIRMAN FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR.

Mr. Oxtan distributed a copy of correspondence received by the Planning Department from Ms. Julie Rice concerning the amended minutes of the August 2, 2011 Planning Board Meeting. The Board discussed Ms. Rice's comments and decided not to revise the August 2, 2011 minutes.

MR. HOPKINSON MOVED, SECONDED BY MR. STILPHEN TO REQUEST THE PLANNING DIRECTOR TO INCLUDE A COPY OF THE CORRESPONDENCE IN THE ASSOCIATED PROJECT FILE.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, **MR. OMO MOVED, SECONDED BY MR. SWENSON, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:10 PM.**

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL

Minutes prepared by Andrew Deci, Planning Director