

Town of Acton, Maine Planning Board Meeting

November 19, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

(Approved January 7, 2021)

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Christopher Whitman, Chairman; Gavin Maloney, Vice-Chair; Dennis Long, John Qua, Jim Driscoll

Also Present: Ken Paul, Director of Planning; Kristiina Robinson, Land Use Secretary; Virginia Deboer, Video Recorder; Jim Crowley; Charles Crespi

Absent: Frank Kunkel (excused)

Call to Order: The Chairman opened the Planning Board Meeting at 6:03 p.m.

Introduction of New Planning Board Member: The CEO stated that Jim Driscoll, appointed by the Board of Selectmen, had moved from an alternate member to a permanent member of the Planning Board. He will be replacing Nathan Tapscott, who has resigned from the Planning Board.

Approval of Minutes: Dennis Long moved to approve the minutes of November 5, 2020 as written. John Qua seconded; motion passed 5-0.

Proposed Zoning Ordinance Changes: Jim Crowley, Acton Resident, spoke to the Planning Board regarding the Town of Acton Zoning. Mr. Crowley explained that he owns a multi suite building in the Commercial A district and has struggled to find businesses looking to rent space in Acton. Mr. Crowley stated that he would like to convert the office suites to residential dwellings but the Town of Acton Zoning Ordinance does not allow for that use in the Commercial A District. Mr. Crowley asked Planning Board members to consider making changes to the Zoning Ordinance that would allow multiple dwelling units, adding that there is a need for affordable housing in town and that many would benefit from the change.

Consensus of the Board was that a change to the Zoning Ordinance regarding multiple dwelling units would be beneficial for the Town of Acton and would be discussed at a future meeting.

Adjournment: John Qua moved adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Dennis Long seconded; motion passed 5-0.