The Planning Board met on Tuesday, January 15, 2019, at the Meeting Room at the Public Safety Building beginning at 7:00 PM.

**Planning Board Members Present:** Bob Earnest, Jane Frizzell, Caitlin Bowman, Kyle Koerber and Danny Molloy. Nancy Hill and Chip Corson were absent.

**Also present:** Marjorie Stratton

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** Chair Bob Earnest called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. **Review minutes**
   **Motion:** Moved by Caitlyn Bowman and seconded by Jane Frizzell to accept the minutes of the December 11, 2018 meeting.
   
   **Vote:** 5 - 0

3. **Planning Board Budget Discussion:** There was a consensus to leave the Planning Board Budget the same.

   Bob Earnest talked about his concern that the Planning Board is drifting toward implementing a Comprehensive Plan. He reviewed the Planning Board Duties from the Planning Board Ordinance and looked at the 16 high level goals from the Comprehensive Plan. Education isn’t on the list from the PB Ordinance. PB may need to budget amounts for consulting. List of duties attached.

4. **Review homework assignments; finalize plan for “maintain character” public workshop**

   **Bob Earnest** – He asked MMA Legal if we can require certain things upon the transfer of property, such as, require tank inspection or site evaluation of a septic system. He found an example on Long Island. He will follow up with DEP and Long Island.

   Bob will work with the Board of Selectmen about the removal of old vehicles.

   **Public Workshop** – We are working on #2, Preservation of Great Chebeague as a viable and diverse year-round community, and #9, Maintenance and improvement of the historic character of all islands in the
Town. The date of the public workshop will be March 2, 2019 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Kyle will lead with assistance from Chip.

Kyle asked about hiring a consultant for the public workshop. We should use the Comprehensive Plan as a guide. What are possible ordinance changes? Newcastle is using character defined zones. They worked with a consulting firm.

Caitlyn sent a report to the PB members about smart growth. She also spoke about creating a place run by the community to have a variety of venues, restaurants, or classes. Bob asked if we want to encourage growth. Danny stated that parking on Cousins Island is the weakest link; this limits growth. Bob assumes the population of 350 is what we want. We need to have a conversation about growth and what that means.

5. Review responses to Calendar Article, Bev’s site, and FB post. Discuss next post

There was a discussion about the new ad for the February Calendar about Septic System maintenance. Danny Molloy to format the ad to one half page.

Someone will prepare something for March about Oil Tanks.

6. Other business

Jane Frizzell asked about the one zone concept.

There was a brief discussion about the Emery/Greenleaf shoreline stabilization project. This doesn’t come under the PB duties. When does it? Bob’s understanding is that it has to do with the removal of vegetation and whether or not it is more than the DEP standard. The regulation is confusing.

7. Public comment – none

8. Adjourn

Adjourned at 8:25.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Stratton
Town Administrator