

# **MINUTES**

## **Planning Board Meeting**

The Planning Board met on Monday, May 9, at the Island Hall; the location was changed from Hall to Zoom due to the recent increase in Covid rates in Cumberland County. Planning Board members present: Travis, John, Carol, Esther, Paul, Bob. Kyle absent by prior arrangement.

### **Minutes**

- 1) Meeting called to order at 7:35pm
- 2) Approval minutes of April 11, 2022 mtg: motion by John, second by Paul, unanimous.
- 3) Open Space Plan update and next steps: we will propose at the next Town Meeting (winter 2022) that we append the proposed Open Space Plan to the Comprehensive Plan. The Town Administrator has outlined for us the steps that are required in terms of posting, public hearings, etc.
- 4) Status of 3 Town Meeting submissions from 2 TM's ago. These were not handled properly, and will need to be resubmitted at the next Town Meeting (winter 2022). The Town Administrator has outlined for us the steps that are required in terms of posting, public hearings, etc.
- 5) Open Space Subdivision followup: John led a discussion on the goals and potential organizing guidelines to help prepare an Open Space Subdivision plan. We talked about three goals, and resolved that two are primary:
  - a) Open Space / "island-ness" in the context of the Comprehensive Plan
  - b) Protection of natural resources.
  - c) A 3<sup>rd</sup> goal was discussed, and the sense of the group is that this 3<sup>rd</sup> goal (affordable housing) is important overall, but ancillary to the Open Space Subdivision plan.
  - d) We also discussed the need to watch out for unintended consequences (eg a rush to develop 'back lots'). We also discussed the importance of a lotsize to footprint ratio as part of this Plan.
- 6) Bob gave an update on the state of affordable housing efforts from island non-profits.
- 7) Ongoing focus items: no action at this time.
- 8) Other business? Bob took an assignment to talk with Town Administrator regarding a monthly report from CEO.

**The public is welcome and encouraged to attend!**

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9) Public comment? None.

10) Meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

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