

**Minutes
Bar Harbor Planning Board
Wednesday, March 2, 2016
Council Chambers – Municipal Building
93 Cottage Street
6:00 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Planning Board members present: Ivan Rasmussen, Chair; Basil Eleftheriou, Jr., Secretary; John Fitzpatrick, Member and Joseph Cough, Member.

Also present: Robert Osborne, Planning Director.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Cough moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Mr. Eleftheriou, Jr. seconded the motion and the Board voted four in favor and none against the motion.

III. EXCUSED ABSENCES

Thomas St. Germain

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a. February 24, 2016

Mr. Cough indicated that the minutes should reflect the discussion of what sort of plan is needed for the MDI Biological Laboratory to show lot coverage and other dimensional considerations. Chair Rasmussen indicated that the minutes would be revised and revisited at the next meeting.

V. REGULAR BUSINESS

- a. Land Use Ordinance Amendments for Downtown Village I, Downtown Village II and Downtown Village Transitional Districts Use Amendments – Update.**—Article III Land Use Activities and Standards draft amendments in the form of draft warrants: Planning Board set for March 16, 2016 Recommendation.

Mr. Osborne indicated that the Council voted to accept the warrant articles at their March 1, 2016 public hearing and the next step is for the Planning Board to make a final recommendation on the signed warrant articles.

- b. Land Use Ordinance Amendments for General Review Standards, Light and glare & Signs and advertising, Definitions and Design Review – Update.**—Article V Site Plan Review, Article XII Construction and Definitions and Article XIII Design Review draft amendments in the form of draft warrants. Planning Board set for March 16, 2016 Recommendation.

Mr. Osborne indicated that the Council voted to accept the warrant articles at their March 1, 2016 public hearing and the next step is for the Planning Board to make a final recommendation on the signed warrant articles.

c. Land Use Ordinance Discussion of Parking.

Mr. Osborne discussed the parking draft language that was contained in the Planning Board packet and noted that the effort was not final but that it is much easier to visualize what the impacts of potential language changes are when they are shown in the actual document rather than just in concept. No action was taken on the amendments. He noted that there are proposed changes to both where parking is allowed as well as under accessory use provisions and principal use provisions. He also noted that parking as a use is treated inconsistently in districts and suggested some changes.

d. Land Use Ordinance Discussion of Housing.

Mr. Osborne discussed the housing question and noted that there is language nationally that contemplates micro-apartments of 300 sq. ft. or less in size.

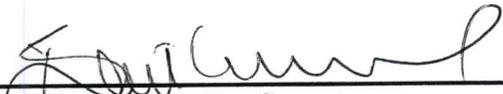
I. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

It was suggested that there be a workshop prior to the 6:00 pm meeting of the March 16 meeting for public discussion of parking and housing.

II. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Cough moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 pm. Mr. Fitzpatrick seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to adjourn.

Signed as approved:


Basil Eleftheriou, Jr., Secretary
Planning Board, Town of Bar Harbor


Date