

Planning Board Meeting Minutes

Date: May 22, 2019

Time: 7:30pm

x	J. Hargraves	x	A. Pease
	J. Lindquist	x	T. Foster
	T. Cantor		W. Stacy (associate)

Also Attending:

- N/A

*Jeanie is still traveling and Terri is on the road for work (and told us to "Have a great time and don't cause too much trouble..."). Hahaha, NEVER Terri 😊*

**Meeting Opened at 7:34pm.**

**Meeting Minutes (May 8, 2019):**

- Alan moved to approve the minutes from May 8, 2019; Tricia seconded; Jim abstained since he was MIA and not at the meeting

**ANR:**

- None

**Joint Natural Resource Planning Presentation with the Conservation Commission:**

- The Joint Planning Board / Conservation Commission Natural Resource Protection Zoning (NRPZ) Presentation by Heidi Ricci, Senior Policy Analyst at Mass Audubon was held on Wednesday April 24th at 7:00 pm.
- Prior to the NRPZ Presentation Alan reached out to the Conservation Commission with regards to using monies from the Small Communities Grant to pay for the presentation. The Conservation Commission did not raise any objection to this.
- The Town received an invoice for the NRPZ Presentation from the Mass Audubon for \$800. The Board believes this amount is excessive. Alan will contact the presenter and discuss the amount.
- The Planning Board would like to use monies from the Small Communities Grant to pay for the presentation.
- It appears that a member of the Conservation Commission is objecting to using money from the Small Communities Grant for this purpose.
- The Planning Board believes it is appropriate to use monies from the small communities grant to pay for the presentation. Alan will talk to the Town Administrator, Bob Hanson.

- If monies from the small communities grant cannot be used or are not available, the Planning Board will look at using monies remaining in the Land Use Agents expense fund to cover all or a portion of the invoice.

**Discuss increase in Land Use Agent's hourly rate**

- Contract comes up beginning of July.
- Discussed increasing hourly rate to \$40 or \$45 / hour.
- The Board is in agreement that our Land Use Agent, Laura Harbottle provides significant value. We would not have made it through the MJ regulations without her.
- Alan moved to increase rate to \$45 / hour.
- Jim 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- No discussion.
- All approved.

**Items not anticipated:**

- None other than NRPZ Invoice and payment.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Submitted by:  
Tricia Foster