

Draft Minutes Brookfield Planning Commission

Date April 23, 2024

Commissioners Present: Gwynn Zakov, Chair, Martha Judy, Patricia Kennedy, Jim Merriam, Keven Ring

Public Present: Jennifer Johnson, Brian Kovalick, Sandy McLaughlin, Greg Wight, Tristram Miller

Chair Zakov called the meeting to order at 7:23 p.m.

Ring moved to pass the April 9th minutes, seconded by Kennedy. The minutes passed unanimously.

Chair Zakov began the meeting with a debrief of the Public Forum held on Apr 11th, the PC members felt it went well and was well attended. There were questions regarding “clustering” and “affordable housing”, may need to be explained further at a future time.

Chair Zakov proposed inviting Sandy McLaughlin to join the PC. Member Merriam motioned and member Ring seconded. Members agreed on unanimous vote to recommend Sandy McLaughlin join the Planning Commission. Chair will send the recommendation to the Select Board for their approval. It was also agreed to invite other interested candidates to the May 14th meeting, they will be contacted via email by Chair Zakov.

The meeting moved on to edits to the Communications and Health/Emergency services sections. Waiting to hear back from Public Safety Comm. regarding status of police coverage in Brookfield. Brookfield Elem. School added to list of Emergency shelters for residents. Merriam asked if Brian Kovalick (TRORC) could give us more information regarding State regulations for Conservation, Habitat corridors and Forest Blocks.

Merriam volunteered to attend Select Board meetings to keep them updated on our work on Town Plan. Other members said they could attend as well.

Next meeting PC will address sections in the Town plan on Natural, Scenic, and Cultural Resources, Agriculture/ Forestry and Recreation. Revisit Energy section at later meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 14th.

Chair Zakov will invite Conservation Commission members to our next meeting, also finalize Johnson site review for conditional use in the next few days.

Chair Zakov adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Kennedy