

# THE BOROUGH OF BANTAM PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

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INCORPORATED 1915

MINUTES  
TUESDAY, November 7, 2023  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
Bantam Borough Town Hall  
7.00 pm

Present: Adam Yarrish, Chair  
Carol Powers, Vice Chair  
Pete Donohue  
John Buonaiuto, seated alternate

Public: Dick Sheldon

Chairman Yarrish called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

1. PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion made by Ms. Powers to approve the October 3, 2023 minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Buonaiuto and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Ms. Powers to approve the October 24, 2023 Special Meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Donohue and carried unanimously.

2. PERMITS - None

3. PUBLIC COMMENT –

Mr. Sheldon addressed the Commission to bring to their attention a blight issue at 93 Circle Drive. He noted that a storage container has been on the site for over a year and he believes that the regulations only allow for 6 months. Chairman Yarrish stated that he would check the regulations and send a letter to the owner if warranted.

4. OLD BUSINESS - None

5. NEW BUSINESS – None

6. CORRESPONDENCE - None

7. COMMISSION DISCUSSION

The Commission decided to postpone discussion on Food Truck regulations as well as Short Term Rental Regulations to a later time to allow for discussion of the Plan of Conservation and Development. Chairman Yarrish directed that they remain on future agendas so as not to be forgotten.

A very brief discussion was had regarding 1062 Bantam Road for a needed permit for a children's art studio. Chairman Yarrish noted that the sign for the business was already approved, however, it appears that they do not have a use permit for the business. Chairman Yarrish added that he would reach out to the business owner.

Additionally, Chairman Yarrish stated that a sign has been erected for a business at 853 Bantam Road adding that the location has neither a sign permit nor a use permit and that he would follow up on those as well.

## 8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH COMES BEFORE THE COMMISSION

- A. 2024 Meeting Schedule – The Commission reviewed the proposed schedule and accepted the continuation of the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Motion made by Mr. Donohue to accept the 2024 meeting schedule as proposed. Motion seconded by Ms. Powers and carried unanimously.

- B. Plan of Conservation and Development – Discussion this evening focused on housing with Mr. Buonaiuto handing out maps of the borough with roads and properties and the Commission questioned how many, if any, properties could be developed due to constraints such as sewer capacity.

The Commission asked its members to find the following information:

Mr. Donohue: Census Data

Ms. Powers: Farm Trust benefits and borough property information from the Borough Tax Collector

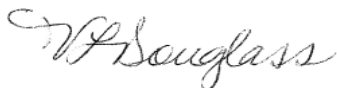
Mr. Buonaiuto: Sewer capacity and overlay map

The Commission agreed to meet again in two weeks, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m. for the purpose of continuing discussion on the Plan of Conservation and Development.

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Mr. Donohue moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Buonaiuto and carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Valerie L. Douglass, Commission Clerk