## THE BOROUGH OF BANTAM PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

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MINUTES
TUESDAY, October 24, 2023
SPECIAL MEETING
Bantam Borough Town Hall
7.00 pm

Present: Adam Yarrish, Chairman

Carol Powers, Vice Chair

Pete Donohue John Buonaiuto

Public: Dick Sheldon

Kim Griffen

Chairman Yarrish called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.

Ms. Powers distributed the Bantam Plan of Conservation and Development Summary Table that she had prepared based on the Litchfield Plan of Conservation and Development. The Commission briefly discussed developing a strategy to organize the Borough's needs. The decision was made to address the Housing and Land Use sections first as they have the largest impact.

With regard to housing the Commission brought up several questions that will need to be addressed. Among these questions are: affordable housing needs, high density housing supportability (due to a lack of infrastructure) and open space.

Commissioners will look into information regarding what is considered affordable housing and try to ascertain the Borough's current affordable housing stock. Mrs. Griffen said that the Borough's tax collector would be a good resource for what the borough had for housing.

It was decided that the Commission would need to add definitions to the Zoning Regulations for affordable housing and high-density housing in addition to addressing these within the regulations.

The Commission will continue this discussion at their next regular meeting of November 7<sup>th</sup>.

A motion to adjourn was made by Vice Chair Powers and seconded by Mr. Buonaiuto. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

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