

THE BOROUGH OF BANTAM PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

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INCORPORATED 1915

MINUTES
TUESDAY, June 4, 2024
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
Bantam Borough Town Hall
7.00 pm

Present: Adam Yarrish, Chair
Pete Donohue, Vice Chair
John Buonaiuto
Sally Tornow

Public: Dick Sheldon
Dennis Tobin, PhD, Municipal Consultant

Chairman Yarrish called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion made by Mr. Buonaiuto to approve the May 7, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Ms. Tornow and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. Buonaiuto to approve the May 19, 2024 Special Meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Ms. Tornow and carried unanimously.

Special Meeting of June 2nd was cancelled.

2. PERMITS

Motion made by Chairman Yarrish to add the Litchfield Community Greenway to the agenda. Motion seconded by Mr. Buonaiuto and carried unanimously.

Mark McCarthy and Jeff Pratt were present to address the Commission on behalf of the Litchfield Community Greenway. Mr. McCarthy provided maps of the proposed expansion of the current trail system as it relates to Bantam. The Commission reviewed the location of the new trails, which follow the Eversource ROW, the road crossings and parking areas. Mr. McCarthy added that a \$320,000 DEEP grant has been received to allow for completion of this section, hopefully by year end, noting that when done the trails would be nearly ADA compliant and run for a total of 22 miles.

Chairman Yarrish stated that he would discuss the plan with Attorney Byrne and, if appropriate, schedule a public hearing.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT –

Mr. Mike Fabbri of 57 Vanderpoel Avenue addressed the Commission with a concern over a fence that has been installed between his property and 67 Vanderpoel Avenue. Chairman Yarrish stated that he would get out to the site to have a look.

4. OLD BUSINESS – None

5. NEW BUSINESS - None

6. CORRESPONDENCE –

A. Written – None.

B. Conversational – Chairman Yarrish stated that he had spoken with several people regarding 700 Bantam Road. This included both the current owner and the proposed, under contract, purchaser. The proposed buyer has indicated that they are aware of the violations on the property and that it was their intention to return the house to a single-family residence. Chairman Yarrish stated that he would follow up with Attorney Byrne as to the current status of the notice on the land records.

7. COMMISSION DISCUSSION

A. Plan of Conservation and Development

Dr. Dennis Tobin was invited to join the Commission to discuss the progress of the POCD. Dr. Tobin stated that he has secured all of the necessary mapping for the plan and that he was doing preliminary work on the individual sections.

The Commission discussed how updates would be handled from this point forward for continuity and Ms. Tornow volunteered to be the keeper of the records and update the base document that Dr. Tobin has started.

The Commission set a Special Meeting for Sunday, July 7th at 10:30 a.m. to continue work on the project.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH COMES BEFORE THE COMMISSION –

Mr. Buonaiuto wished to bring to the Commission's attention a trailer and apparent business at 38 Bantam Lake Road adding that there appears to be someone living in the trailer. Chairman Yarrish stated that he thought there was antique storage at the site and that there was an occasional sale. He will check out Mr. Buonaiuto's concern.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Mr. Donohue moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Buonaiuto and carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Valerie L. Douglass, Commission Clerk