

PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Remote Public Meeting

Members Present: Erik Neyland (Chair), Danielle Spicer, Mark Sprague, Michael Gorr, and James Barr (Associate)

Members Absent: Peter Driscoll

Also Present: Erica Uriarte (Town Planner)

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, this public meeting of the Town of Bolton Planning Board was conducted via remote participation. No in-person attendance of members of the public were permitted, but the public can access this meeting while in progress using **Zoom Video Communications, Inc. (Zoom)**. Members of the public attending this meeting virtually were allowed to make comments if they wish to do so, during the portion of the hearing designated for public comment, by telephone, cell phone or personal computer using Zoom.

Directions to connect to the public meeting were provided on the agenda.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- None.

BUSINESS

Planning Board to Consider a Letter of Support for MVP Action Grant Application

- Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness grant program (MVP) provides support for communities to plan for climate change resiliency and implement related projects eligible for MVP action grant funding. The Planning Board will consider endorsing a letter of support for Bolton's regional application with Devens and Harvard to conduct a Natural Resource Infrastructure and Soil Health Assessment and Plan Project. This next step will allow the Town to have a more detailed understanding of current and future impacts from climate change.
- The plan will provide a better understanding of climate vulnerability and resiliency as well as carbon storage/sequestration of natural resources (forests, agricultural lands, wetlands, etc.).
- **Danielle Spicer motioned to approve a letter of support. 2nd by Mark Sprague. All in favor 5/0/0 (conducted by roll call).**

7:10 p.m. Planning Board Warrant Articles for ATM 2020

- Planning Board discussed Articles for Annual Town Meeting scheduled for Monday, June 22, 2020:
 - Bed & Breakfast Use in Residential Zone.
 - Revise Fee in Lieu as part of Inclusionary Housing Bylaw.
- Planning Board reviewed report and discussed B&B presentation to be provided by Danielle Spicer.
- Under COVID-19, Bolton's Town Moderator, Doug Storey, will combine the Planning Board articles into one Consent Agenda to help expedite the meeting. Presentations will be limited to approximately three (3) minutes.

ADMINISTRATION

- Approval of meeting minutes.
 - **Danielle Spicer motioned to approve meeting minutes from May 27, 2020. 2nd by Mark Sprague. All in favor 5/0/0 (conducted by roll call).**

Danielle Spicer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm. 2nd by Mark Sprague. All in favor 5/0/0 (conducted by roll call).