

Approved As Written
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
November 2, 2016
7:00 PM
Jamestown Town Hall
93 Narragansett Ave.

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and the following members were present:

Michael Swistak - Chair	Duncan Pendlebury – Vice Chair
Rosemary Enright – Secretary	Mick Cochran
Bernie Pfeiffer	Dana Prestigiacomio

Not present:

Michael Smith

Also present:

Lisa Bryer, AICP – Town Planner
Cinthia Reppe – Planning Assistant
Nate Kelly – Horsley Witten Group
Jeff
Krista

II. Approval of Minutes October 5, 2016

A motion was made by Commissioner Cochran and seconded by Commissioner Pendlebury to accept the minutes as written. So unanimously voted.

III. Correspondence – nothing at this time

IV. Citizen’s Non Agenda Item – nothing at this time

V. Reports

1. Town Planner’s Report – no agenda items for the next meeting
2. Chairpersons report
3. Town Committees
4. Sub Committees

VI. Old Business

1. **Sustainable Jamestown**–Work Session with Consultant Horsley Witten Group- Discussion of Project

Nate Kelly is the director of Horsley Witten Groups Providence office. There are 4 offices, Cape Cod, Boston, Atlanta and Providence. Jeff and Krista and himself do all the planning work, workshops and charettes. They also have a team of civil engineers, surveyors graphic designers etc.

How can you define sustainability? It means different things to different people, communities etc.

We are at the conceptual stage and want to discuss how to blend all different things to move forward.

Commissioner Swistak asked if they have ever done something like this. Yes they have. Commissioner Pendlebury asked if we can lay the groundwork of the states requirement or standards that were adopted in January for natural hazards and climate change. If u look at standards vs guidance they are pretty brief for energy and natural hazards.

Commissioner Pfeiffer said the Island is pretty much built out and Lisa Bryer said by about $\frac{3}{4}$. What's left lot wise is pretty challenging.

Nate Kelly said how do you as a commission understand the term sustainability as it pertains to Jamestown, we want to start to organize the information so we can start our work. To the issue of buildout, that raises questions about environmental sustainability stressing the natural resources. Land that is restricted. Sustainability is balance Krista said.

The Planning Commission and Consultants discussed different topics that they feel will help with getting the community involved in this process.

Commissioner Swistak said some people are asking why are we doing this project what is the difference between this and our Comprehensive Community Plan. What is this sustainability plan?

Getting the realtors, Chamber of Commerce involved in the process is something that will help. Should we engage the war college as part of this process? What is there plan in the future? This would be good for planning purposes.

Commissioner Prestigiacomo would like to take the positive approach, we have a good quality of life here in Jamestown and we want to maintain this.

Jeff wants to know for planning reasons what might be the best days during the week and where should we meet. Tuesday or Wednesday Lisa said. 7-9 in the evening? January is weather dependent Commissioner Pendlebury said.

The team will put all the information together that was discussed tonight for the next time we meet.

VII. New Business – nothing at this time

VIII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Cochran and seconded by Commissioner Enright at 9:15 p.m. So unanimously voted.

Attest:



Cynthia L Reppe
Planning Assistant