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Approved as written

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PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

January 15, 2025

6:30 PM

**Jamestown Town Hall
93 Narragansett Ave.**

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm. The following members were present:

Michael Swistak – Chair

Duncan Pendlebury

Diane Harrison

Bernie Pfeiffer

Dana Prestigiacommo

Not present: Mick Cochran and Rosemary Enright

Also present:

Lisa Bryer, AICP, Town Planner

Wyatt Brochu, Esq., Ruggiero, Brochu & Petrarca

Elizabeth Haney, Weston & Sampson

II. Citizen's Non-Agenda Item – none

III. Correspondence

1. No items at this time

IV. New Business

1. No items at this time

V. Old Business

1. Comprehensive Community Plan Update & Re-write 2024/2025 – Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote
 - a. Review of Comprehensive Plan Element amendments: Natural Resources and Parks, Recreation and Open Space

Elizabeth Haney, Weston and Sampson, was in attendance by Zoom to review the Comprehensive Plan elements. She began with Natural Resources.

Natural Resources Section:

Swistak noted that there are discussions of local areas that may not be known by a reader and they are not shown on a map; Great Creek, Ft. Wetherill, Dumplings. It was noted that they were in the existing Comp Plan.

Discussion about whether we add the conclusion in each separate area of the element or have one conclusion at the end of each main element.

Discussion ensued on old information. It was decided that it depends on the value of the information for today. In some cases, it may still be relevant.

Section on Groundwater Resources. Concern that there is discussion in there that may be contradictory to the current thought of needing a full island water study.

Wildlife Section: should address Deer, ticks, skunks, coyotes. Also the yearly bird count. Who receives that data. Question about whether wildlife/geese are responsible for the poor water quality in Jamestown Brook watershed. Discussion of separating the wildlife and vegetation sections. Discussion on what to do with the Jamestown exemplary natural communities that were highlighted in old plan. They have been deleted. Threatened species should be updated or deleted.

Open Space, Agriculture and Recreation:

Discussion on what constitutes “public access”. Swistak will update the discussion on Conanicut Island Land Trust including Godena Farm. Update the discussion of East Ferry “Mini-Park and Beach”.

At the next meeting we will be seeing the updated Land Use and Economic Development sections and a first look at Sustainability and Resilience.

VI. Reports - Review, Discussion and/or Action and/or Vote

1. Planner’s Report

a. Future meetings – topics and applications

Bryer reported on the Statewide Planning Mandatory Training Sessions being full and she will keep the Planning Commission updated. There are 4 applications scheduled for TRC next week. The Town Council Public Hearing for the Zoning Ordinance amendments is February 3, at 6pm.

VII. Approval of Minutes – Review, Discussion and/or Action and/or Vote

A motion was moved by Commissioner Pfeiffer and seconded by Commissioner Pendlebury to approve the minutes as written. All in favor.

VIII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 8:00 pm was moved by Commissioner Pfeiffer and seconded by Commissioner Pendlebury. All in favor.

Attest,
Lisa Bryer