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Approved as written
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
February 19, 2025
6:30 PM
Jamestown Town Hall
93 Narragansett Ave

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:33pm. The following members were present:

Michael Swistak – Chair

Duncan Pendlebury

Mick Cochran

Diane Harrison

Nick Insana

Bernie Pfeiffer

Not present: Dana Prestigiacomio

Also present:

Lisa Bryer, AICP, Town Planner

Carrie Kolb, Planning Assistant

David Petrarca, Esq., Ruggiero, Brochu & Petrarca

Ashley Sweet, Weston & Sampson

II. Citizen's Non-Agenda Item - none

III. Correspondence

1. Memorandum to the Town Council from Planning Commission regarding Zoning Ordinance Amendment related to Amusement or Video Arcade, dated February 6, 2025
Correspondence recognized as received.

IV. New Business

1. Election of Secretary

A motion was moved by Diane Harrison and seconded by Bernie Pfeiffer to elect Mick Cochran as Secretary. All in favor.

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:
 - a. Revised Economic Development Elements

Discussion ensued on Economic Development section. Disjointed/run-on sentences will be corrected. Discussion of Short-Term Rentals will be expanded. Out of the Box art gallery will be added to the paragraphs on robust artist community. Issues and Opportunities will add: Short-Term Rentals, Bay Voyage Inn and Wyndham timeshares, in addition to bed and breakfast as accommodations.

Goals, policies and related actions spreadsheet was reviewed.

b. Goals, Policies and Actions for Land Use

Discussion ensued on Land Use section. Options for High School beyond North Kingstown and Narragansett will be looked into. Maps 2.3 and 2.4 will be corrected.

Goals, policies and related actions spreadsheet was reviewed.

c. Sustainability and Resilience Element

Discussion ensued on Sustainability and Resilience section. Sweet explained that although this was included in the last plan within other elements, a standalone section is a state requirement since the last plan. Weston & Sampson and Bryer worked collaboratively to create this section. The references will be corrected as they are showing an error code. Discussion of flooding ensued. A notation will be added that flooding has more information in the Natural Resources section. Commissioner Swistak said that special flood insurance is available through private markets as well as the Federal Government. Add to Vulnerabilities and Assets in 2000 a cruise ship's anchor, which was not raised, severed two underwater cables causing the island to not have electricity for an extended period of time. The incident also forced Jamestown's fire department to supply water to residents on the island's north end, who rely on wells and septic systems.

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

1. Planner's Report

a. Future meetings – topics and applications

Bryer said that a workshop sponsored by URI Capstone students, RI Sea Grant & Jamestown Conservation Commission will be held at Town Hall this Thursday, February 28 to discuss sustainable design solutions for Mackerel Cove.

March 3 – there will not be a Planning Commission meeting

March 19 – the Planning Commission meeting will start at 6:00pm. There will be an application for 224 Narragansett Avenue for a house expansion on a small lot that will be heard as Unified Development Review.

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

1. February 5, 2025

A motion was moved by Commissioner Cochran and seconded by Commissioner Pendlebury to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2025 meeting as amended. All in favor with Commissioner Swistak abstained from the vote.

Page 2: paragraph 1: sentence 4: change “bring” to “bringing”

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Page 2: paragraph 3: sentence 4: change “by” to “why”

Page 2: paragraph 6: sentence 2: add “not” to read “He does not think...”

Page 3: paragraph 8: sentence 2: remove “and has” replace with “arcade machines have been permitted”.

Page 5: last paragraph: sentence 6: remove “not”

VIII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 8:24 pm was moved by Commissioner Cochran and seconded by Commissioner Pendlebury. All in favor.

Attest:

Carrie Kolb