

Charlemont Planning Board
March 3rd, 2022 6:00 pm
Via conference call and in person, Town Hall
Meeting Minutes

Members Participating: Bob Nelson Chair, Gisela Walker, Carlene Hayden – in person.

Others Participating: Lori Merrigan, Ben Gagnon.

Call to Order

Planning Board Chair Bob Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

Potential new Planning Board members

The major part of the meeting was spent talking with Ms. Shulda and Mr. Gagnon about the work of the P Bd. as it relates to this town and also about their interest in and experience with Planning Board(s). We went over our pending zoning amendments, issues with bringing such to annual town meeting, the need for outside consultants to assist the Board and use of town counsel. Mr. Gagnon recently moved into town from a career as a journalist, author and city planner in Colorado. Ms. Merrigan is a long-time town resident and runs a business in town, a hair salon, that provides her with lots of input into town issues via her customers.

We let them know what the process was appointing and electing Planning Board members. BNelson shared with them copies of our last annual report. It was a lively discussion.

Zoning Amendments:

The Board went over the timeline put together under the assumption that they will be on the warrant for the annual town meeting on May 24th. The consultants hired for coming up with economic development ideas have scheduled a meeting for 3/15 at 6:30 to present to and hear from the general public. At this point it does not look likely that they will have any input into our zoning amendments.

There being no further agenda items, BNelson moved to close the meeting at 8:25pm, CHayden 2nded, all in favor.

The next meeting will be held March 17, including a special permit hearing for a permit renewal to Ms. Ovitt.

Respectfully submitted by Gisela Walker

Documents reviewed in meeting:

Draft zoning amendment time line
Planning Board 2021 Annual Report