



PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Chris Letourneau Meeting Room and via Zoom

MINUTES

Zoom Details:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6165843896?pwd=STduU2JzTmpiVmE1MXZSaWZWLzVadz09>

Meeting ID: 616 584 3896 | Passcode: 5243524

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1. CALL TO ORDER - 6:30 PM

Call to Order at 6:30 p.m.

BOARD PRESENT

Chair Suzanna Brown

Emily Johnson

Greg Drew

Jared Waite

Tony Heinlein

STAFF PRESENT

Kollene Caspers, Zoning Clerk

GUEST SPEAKER

Michael Allen, ReGrowth

2. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

- Town Plan Grant Draft

- Impact Fees

3. DISCUSSION

A. ReGrowth Town Plan

1. Review of Open House/Workshop materials

- Michael Allen of ReGrowth introduced the Welcome Board (1) and other boards that will be placed around the room.
- Board (2)- Introduction to the Draft Town Plan
- Board (3-5)- Town Plan ideas, what are some changes the community would like to see in the Town of Georgia? What would the community like to see stay the same? Participants will be able to place sticky notes on boards for community input.
- Boards (6-7) Future vision for Town of Georgia
- Board (8) Suggestions for questions the community would like to see on the Town Plan survey.
- Boards are 2ft x 3ft and will be placed around the room on easels.

2. Status of Advertising

Facebook event - with paid advertising

Georgia VT town webpage

Georgia VT Official FB webpage

(2) Local community pages

Other groups - library, historical society, other?

Meeting announcements - Selectboard, Conversation, DRB

- Facebook event set up, trying out a paid advertising (\$1/day). ReGrowth has gotten into a few community Facebook groups. Requested the Town of Georgia post the Public Notice on the Town Facebook page. Update the Town website to include the new Public Notice. Recommended to post daily or every few days on Front Porch Forum.

- Planning Commission members will hang signs in business, recreation, and other organization meeting areas throughout Georgia.

3. Photos of the meeting room

- M. Allen would like photos of the Georgia Firehouse meeting room layout to plan ahead for the meeting.

4. Food/Snack discussion

- The meeting room has a kitchen to offer participants coffee & donuts.

5. Planning Commission attendance

- No Planning Commission meeting at Town offices, but all members are invited to attend the Workshop 6-8pm on October 24th.

- Planning Commission members are asked to just observe and occasionally answer questions, but no need to run the meeting. M. Allen will explain what a Town Plan is and what a Town Plan isn't.

- M. Allen will take a few days to compile notes, will share meeting notes and feedback to the Planning Commission by November 8th. The Planning Board can discuss the information at the November 14th Planning Commission meeting. M. Allen will be attending the November 28th Planning Commission meeting to help put together the list of questions for the Community Survey.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Planning Meeting Minutes September 26, 2023

Reviewed Planning Meeting minutes from September 26, 2023

Motion to approve with no changes.

Motion made by Drew, Seconded by Johnson.

Voting Yea: Chair Brown, Johnson, Drew, Waite, Heinlein

5. PLAN NEXT MEETING AGENDA

A. October 24, 2023, Open House & Workshop

Town of Georgia Fire & Rescue Meeting Room

Open House 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Workshop 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Planning Commission will meet at the Town Plan Open House and Workshop on October 24th in lieu of scheduled meeting.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Town Plan Grant 2024 - Draft Review

Information for the Grant was reviewed and discussed. Suggestions for additions and changes were discussed. Zoning staff will make revisions.

- Selectboard has asked the Planning Commission to review Impact Fees, where and how the fees are used and how any money not spent on capital expenses can be refunded.

- Town of Georgia Impact Fees Ordinance and the list of impact fees, if separate document, will be reviewed and added to the agenda for the November 14th meeting.

7. DELIBERATIONS

8. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

Motion made by Drew, Seconded by Johnson.
Voting Yea: Chair Brown, Johnson, Drew, Waite, Heinlein

Posted to the Town website, four designated places within the Town of Georgia (Town Clerk's Office, Georgia Public Library, Maplefields & Georgia Market), and e-mailed to the local media.

Signed: Douglas Bergstrom, Zoning Administrator, Planning Coordinator

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APPROVED