



PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Chris Letourneau Meeting Room and via Zoom

MINUTES

Zoom Details:

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1. CALL TO ORDER - 6:30 PM

2. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Discussion of Act 47 (former S.100 Bill) added to "Other Business"

3. DISCUSSION

A. Presentation from Barry Lampke - Housing for all - Working Communities Challenge

-Housing For All supports the creation and improvement of healthy and prosperous communities in Franklin & Grande Isle counties.

-The Working Communities Challenge is sponsored by the Federal Reserve of Boston. This is a private bank working with communities including an aggregate of funds, and focuses on economic development in New England. This initiative is funded by Federal Government, State of Vermont and various other funds, including ARPA.

- Northwest Regional Planning Commission is helping to reach out to municipalities for more information about the Housing Needs Assessment.

-Housing for All aspires to team up with small and medium developers, various churches of faith and Senior groups to come up with engagement opportunities to listen to needs of the community.

-Asking municipalities to set housing goals for the region and to identify promising opportunities to include new housing, such as former housing or donated lots. Where does the Town of Georgia want to see housing?

-Discussion of State housing regulations being a barrier for adding more ADUs or other housing opportunities.

B. Road & Driveway Policy

-The "Road & Driveways Policy" draft was presented to members of the Planning Commission, including edits made from the last meeting.

-*Motor Vehicle & Traffic Regulations* and *Speed Limit* sections of the "Road & Driveways Policy" are currently being reviewed by the attorney for the Town of Georgia, as requested by the Selectboard. These sections will be added once review has been completed.

-Members of the Planning Commission will review and make suggested edits to the Policy for future Planning Commission meetings.

C. Update Planning meeting schedule for August

-No changes to Planning Commission schedule

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

-Changes and edits made to May 9, 2023 Meeting Minutes for continuity and to clarify areas of confusion.

Motion made by Drew, Seconded by Heinlein.

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

5. PLAN NEXT MEETING AGENDA

A. June 27, 2023 -Town Plan research and discussion; and review of a variety of town plans.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

-Discussion of Act 47, former S.100 Bill, *An Act relating to housing opportunities made for everyone*, which was passed on June 12, 2023. As the Town of Georgia is without municipal sewer and water, some portions of the Act will not affect the Town's Zoning regulations.

-S. Brown gave some different examples of Town Plans who have utilized grants and NRPC assistance. Suggested Planning Commission members research and make suggestions on what to include in the Town of Georgia Town Plan.

-Main topic for June 27,2023 Planning Commission meeting is new Town Plan, as well as research and data collection for Town Plan.

-Discussion of ADU's, "tiny house" regulations and how to incorporate both into our Town Plan.

7. DELIBERATIONS

N/A

8. ADJOURN

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

Adjourn 8:55pm

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.

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APPROVED