

Planning & Zoning Commission Hybrid Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2025, 7:00 P.M.

Putnam Municipal Complex

Room 201 Second Floor

200 School Street

Putnam, CT 06260

Present: Patricia Hedenberg-Chairman, Douglas Taylor, Elizabeth Thompson, Lisa-Jean Clifford

Absent: Nick Huston

Agenda

Review the minutes of the February 19, 2025, meeting.

Motion by Elizabeth Thompson to accept the minutes, second by Douglas Taylor. Patricia Hedenberg, Douglas Taylor, Elizabeth Thompson voted in favor. Lisa Jean Clifford abstained as she was absent.

Correspondence:

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Town 5-year CIP

Elaine Sistare reviewed the 5-year plan. Elaine Sistare explained that she is also looking for support for an additional \$300,000 for the EMS building at 191 Church Street to be added to the plan pending Board of Finance approval.

Motion by Lisa-Jean Clifford to give a positive recommendation with a special notation regarding EMS financing pending the Board of Finance approval, second by Douglas Taylor. ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

Other Business:

Preliminary discussion on the possibility of a zone change for property located at 573 Pomfret St, from AG-2 Agricultural to R-20 Residential.

Motion by Lisa-Jean to deny, second by Douglas Taylor. ALL WERE IN FAVOR

A discussion was generated on the upcoming POCD and promoting agricultural uses in the AG-Zones. Lisa-Jean Clifford suggested the placement of homesteading in the regulations to either be allowed by right or a special permit. Motion by Lisa-Jean Clifford to receive updates from John Guskowski of Tyche Planning & Policy Group who is working on the Plan of Conservation and Development, second by Elizabeth Thompson. ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

Discussion on private wayfinding signs:

Bruce Fitzback explained to the Commission how he was contacted by an area business about placement of wayfinding signs. The signs would match the other wayfinding signs in Town and there would be a possible yearly fee.

A brief discussion was generated on the creation of a Hospitality Overlay District

Accepting of New Applications for public hearing on April 16, 2025, meeting if applicable. VOTE REQUIRED

Ryan Sullivan - 727 Providence Pike - Home Occupation for the sale of farm produce products.

Motion by Lisa-Jean Clifford to accept the application for public hearing, second by Douglas Taylor. ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

Motion by Elizabeth Thompson to adjourn at 8:09 P.M., second by Lisa-Jean Clifford. ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Roy.