

TOWN OF STAMFORD
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
May 13, 2024
(UNAPPROVED)

Planning Commission: Daniel Potvin, Chair, Peter Greenbush, Vice Chair, Alden Finney, Lisa Gramlin, Maura Hawkins, Sheila Lawrence, and David Saldo.
Kurt Gamari, ex officio member, was not present.

Visitors: Sally Bohl, Debra Burchard, Candace Gardner, Corey Gardner, Roland Gardner, Kelly Goodreau, Kayla Gorman, Jedidiah Gramlin, Kathleen Hull, Marta Miller, Sheila Pecor, Kyle Racine, Debra Righi, James Righi, Diane Saldo, and Lori Shepard.

Sheila Lawrence called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Dan Potvin announced that Jed Gramlin was video recording the meeting.

REORGANIZATION OF BOARD:

1. MOTION by Peter Greenbush to appoint Daniel Potvin as Chair. SECONDED by Lisa Gramlin. 4 in favor (Alden Finney, Lisa Gramlin, Peter Greenbush, and Daniel Potvin), 2 opposed (Sheila Lawrence and David Saldo). Motion APPROVED.
2. MOTION by Lisa Gramlin to appoint Peter Greenbush as Vice Chair. SECONDED by Daniel Potvin. All in favor. Motion APPROVED.

HEARING OF VISITORS:

None.

MINUTES

MOTION by Daniel Potvin to accept the regular meeting minutes of April 29, 2024 as written. SECONDED by Peter Greenbush. All in favor. Motion APPROVED.

DISCUSSION:

1. Debra Burchard spoke to the board regarding Subdivision Permit #2024-1. She stated that this is a legal subdivision but needs Planning Commission approval due to the fact that it involves creating more than two lots. The application is strictly for subdivision of the property at this time. MOTION by Daniel Potvin to grant the subdivision. SECONDED by Peter Greenbush. All in favor. Motion APPROVED.
2. Daniel Potvin feels that townspeople should have information on resiliency and self-sufficiency in case of an emergency. He shared two documents he has drafted (dated 2/6/20 and 5/13/24) outlining ideas and resources to achieve this. He feels it is the responsibility of the Planning Commission to help the citizens of Stamford plan for the future. There was discussion about the best way to disseminate this information to the public. Members considered whether

this was more of an issue for the Emergency Management. Lisa Gramlin asked if an informational public meeting would be beneficial. Peter Greenbush saw no harm in sending out an informative letter from the Planning Commission and thought it might prompt Emergency Management to discuss and further add to their plans for such emergencies. Sheila Lawrence will bring the draft letters to the state Emergency Management meeting this week. Peter Greenbush volunteered to post it on his Facebook page, "All Information Stamford, Vermont". MOTION by Peter Greenbush to table the discussion. SECONDED by Lisa Gramlin. All in favor. Motion APPROVED.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Lisa Gramlin wanted to make sure the board is aware of changes in Renewable Energy Standards and Act 250.
2. New board structure and email addresses will be sent to Janet Hurley.

MOTION by Daniel Potvin to adjourn. SECONDED by Peter Greenbush. All in favor. Motion APPROVED. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Lisa Gramlin
Planning Commission Clerk