

Buckland Planning Board  
Meeting Minutes  
October 21, 2020 6:00 p.m.  
Meeting Via Zoom

## **AGENDA**

1. Open meeting.
2. Rehearse/set presentation of housing bylaw proposals.
3. Review minutes from meeting held on October 1, 2020.
4. Public comment.
5. Other topics not reasonably anticipated by Chairs 48 hours prior to meeting.
6. Next meeting date.
7. Adjourn the meeting.

## **ATTENDEES**

John Gould - Planning Board Co-chair  
Michael Hoberman - Planning Board Co-chair  
Andrea Donlon - Planning Board Member  
Jon Wyman - Planning Board Member  
Brian Rose - Planning Board Member  
Alyssa Larose - FRCOG, Senior Land Use and Natural Resources Planner  
Mary Bolduc - Boards' Clerk

## **MEETING**

1. Open the meeting - Meeting opened at 6:00 p.m.
2. Rehearse/set presentation of housing bylaw proposals -
  1. Discussion began by determining a timeline for forum and rehearsal. It was decided that the rehearsal should be scheduled close to actual presentation, and waiting until after the November 3rd election is advisable.
  2. Possible methods of publicizing the event were discussed including a Letter to the Editor signed by Planning Board members to appear in the Recorder, a My Turn article on Recorder's editorial page, or a news article written by a reporter and published in the West County section of the paper. Pertinent information to include in publicity coverage was addressed. Michael will contact the Recorder the week of November 9 to request an article. If that fails, a Letter to the Editor would likely be the next step.
  3. Alyssa presented the revised slides reflecting changes made at the October 1st meeting.
  4. Alyssa's updated version of the presentation included Affordable Housing (deed restricted) being moved toward the beginning of the program, which precipitated discussion on the subject.

1. Does deed restricted affordable housing belong in this forum? Is it worthy of its own project?
2. Alyssa advised that it be shown how Affordable Housing relates to each housing model addressed.
3. How was it received and what were the responses in Fall 2019 forum?
4. If the Board's immediate objective is to achieve passing of a Housing Bylaw, it is perhaps best that Affordable Housing is covered as planned.
5. What is approach for maintaining order during presentation?
  1. Disabling chat option was suggested, but some felt it has a place in soliciting public opinion. Perhaps enable it during feedback sessions? Alyssa volunteered to manage the chat feature while Board members focus on slide presentation.
  2. Other Zoom options were covered regarding what advantage they may offer to a virtual forum.
  3. Rules for public participation should follow as they would if meeting in person; questions/comments should be held until specific Q & A/feedback sessions.
6. If possible, flyers for forum will be made available at Town Hall on Election Day. Also, forum should be publicized on town website, and via email blast sent by Phoebe Walker,
7. December 2, 3, 9 and 10 were identified as likely forum dates. Andrea will check with Heather Butler for town Zoom schedule availability before a date is confirmed.
3. Review minutes from meeting held on October 1, 2020 - Michael moved to approve minutes as written, seconded by John Gould. Vote to approve was unanimous.
4. Public comment - N/A
5. Other topics not reasonably anticipated by Chairs 48 hours prior to meeting - Andrea Donlon brought attention to an editorial she had read. It raised thought provoking issues regarding inequality as a result of town meetings/public forums attendance and the demographics they draws from. Brief board discussion followed.
6. Next meeting date - Monday, November 23, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
7. Adjourn the meeting - Michael moved to adjourn, second by John Gould. Motion to adjourn was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Bolduc, Boards' Clerk, November 23, 2020