



Planning Commission MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 16, 2022 - 1:00 PM
Council Chambers, Easton Town Office
14 S Harrison Street

Call to Order

Members Present:

Mr. Paul Weber-Chairman, Mr. Talbot Bone, Ms. Victoria McAndrews and Mr. Philip Toussaint
Ms. Jennifer Dindinger-Vice Chairperson and Mr. William Ryall

Staff Present:

Mr. Lynn Thomas-Town Planner, Mr. Joseph Mayer-Plan Reviewer, Mr. Nicolas Johnson-Planner 1
Ms. Sharon VanEmburch-Town Attorney

Approval of Minutes.

Upon motion by Ms. Dindinger and seconded by Mr. Bone, the Commission voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from the 2022-05-19 meeting with corrections.

Approval of Minutes from the 2022-05-19 meeting.

Upon motion by Ms. Dindinger and seconded by Mr. Bone, the Commission voted to approve the May 19, 2022 minutes.

Discussion Item

Comprehensive Plan Review.

Mr. Thomas opened the discussion in regards to the Comprehensive Plan. Councilmember Ron Engle was present and discussed how his ward prepared for the Comprehensive Plan and offered to work with the Planning Commission and Staff, with assistance from the Easton Economic Development Corporation and the Talbot County Chamber of Commerce, to promote the upcoming Town Hall Meeting and to increase awareness of the Comprehensive Plan Surveys. Marketing options were discussed to reach out to the public and business leaders/organizations for upcoming meetings, especially for the big Town Hall Meeting. Ms. Susie Hayward discussed the status of the survey to be prepared by America Strategies and the similarities to what needs to be achieved in the survey of the town's residents and surrounding county residents relative to housing needs in Easton and Talbot County.

Mr. Thomas and the Commission discussed the setup for the Town Hall meeting. The tentative date would be mid to late September and it was discussed that we should look for a large venue such as the Firehouse, Waterfowl Festival Building or one of the schools.

Annual Report.

Mr. Thomas opened the meeting with an overview of the Easton Planning Commission Annual Report. The Annual Report is required by the State Land Use Article. The Commission is required to formally approve the report and submit it to the Maryland Department of Planning and file a copy of the report to the Town Council. Mr. Thomas noted that the Report is much simpler to compile now as MDP has streamlined the requirements and for the most part the exercise only involves completing a number of tables.

The Chair opened the floor to the public for comment. There were no comments.

Upon motion by Ms. Dindinger and seconded by Mr. Bone, the Commission voted 5-0 to approve the Annual Report as submitted by the town's staff.

Adjournment.

At 2:16 PM, upon motion by Ms. Dindinger and seconded by Mr. Weber and carried unanimously, Mr. Weber adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting.