

Joint Meeting with City of Rochester Planning Board & Conservation Commission

Monday September 20, 2021
City Hall Council Chambers
31 Wakefield Street, Rochester, NH
(These minutes were approved on October 4, 2021)

Planning Board Members Present

Nel Sylvain, *Chair*
Peter Bruckner
Terry Dwyer
Tim Fontneau
Robert May
Mark Sullivan
David Walker

Conservation Commission Members Present

Mark Jennings
Dan Nickerson

Members Absent

Mark Collopy, excused
Lance Whitehill, excused

Alternate Members Present

Keith Fitts
Paul Giuliano
Donald Hamann

Staff: Shanna B. Saunders, *Director of Planning & Development*
Crystal Galloway, *Planning Administrative Assistant II*

(These are the legal minutes of the meeting and are in the format of an overview of the meeting. A recording of the meeting will be on file in the City clerk's office for reference purposes. It may be copied for a fee.)

Mr. Sylvain called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Secretary conducted roll call.

II. NH Coastal Adaptation Workgroup (CAW), Path to Resilience project, needs and opportunities assessment

Independent Planning Consultant Liz Durfee said she has been contracted by the NH Coastal Adaptation Workgroup to work on a project with a number of partners to conduct a needs and opportunities assessment in five upper watershed communities of the Piscataqua River watershed. Ms. Durfee said she has met with New Durham, Somersworth, Barrington, and Kingston to discuss interests and concerns related to hazards and to collect information from the Board about potential opportunities.

Conversation ensued regarding some of the questions the NH Coastal Adaptation Workgroup had prepared.

Ms. Durfee said she will take all the information she received from the five communities, compile it into a report and share it with the project team and with the Coastal Adaptations Workgroup. She said it will be used to develop future programming for the Coastal Adaptations Workgroup which is comprised of a number of organizations and municipalities in the coastal area around Great Bay. Ms. Durfee said it's an informational

sharing group that comes together to learn about different topics and look for funding from outside sources to implement projects with the overall goal is to start bringing more funding and experience to the upper watershed communities.

III. Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. Dwyer and seconded by Mr. Giuliano to adjourn at 7:28pm. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Crystal Galloway,
Planner I

and

Shanna B. Saunders,
Director of Planning & Development