

Town of Rock Hall PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

of the meeting held on:
July 12, 2023

In Attendance at the Virtual Meeting:

Planning Commissioners: Vic Costa, Anthony Colache, Cathy Jayne, and Anna Riggin. Also present were Eleanor Coyer, Town Council liaison to the Commission, and Christopher Jakubiak, Zoning Administrator and Town Planner.

I. Call to Order

At 7:00 pm, the Chairman Costa called the meeting to order.

II. Approval of Minutes

The Commission approved the minutes of the following meetings without changes: April 12, 2023, May 10, 2023, and June 14, 2023.

III. New Business

There was no New Business.

IV. Old Business

Continuation of Comprehensive Plan Work: The Commission turned to the comprehensive plan and reviewed the complete draft which reflected changes the Commission agreed to make at the June 14 meeting including the addition of the Implementation chapter. Chair Costa asked Mr. Jakubiak to review the full draft plan. He did and focused mostly on Chapter 11, "Implementation". He reviewed each of the zoning recommendations and then each of the sub sections of that chapter. The Commission discussed the zoning changes that would be needed, and the general timeline associated with the implementation schedule.

Mr. Jakubiak explained that final numbering of tables, figures, and maps was still under way as well as several minor wording and editing revisions the Commission approved at its June meeting, but that the "Alt Text" function was active in the document so the exhibits in would be accessible to reading impaired persons.

After discussion, the Commission decided to accept the Plan as the Planning Commission's Public Hearing Draft (with the understanding that final formatting would be completed before the Plan was formally released for public comment) and directed Mr. Jakubiak to coordinate with the Town Administration to set the Commission's public hearing date as soon as possible with the understanding that there must be a 60-day review / comment period prior to the Hearing date. The Commission decided the hearing would be October 11, 2023 unless it could be done sooner, in which case a date would be selected and coordinated with the members.

V. Citizen Comment

Ms. Cindy Genther spoke and read a letter aloud, copies of which were earlier provided to the Commission members, about allowing more types of commercial uses at the Rock Hall Harbor. Mr. Costa reviewed what the current draft plan said about the topic and stated that the Commission had deliberated on this topic several times already to which the other Commission members noted their agreement. Ms. Genther was encouraged to attend the upcoming public hearing.

VI. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Colache, seconded by Ms. Jane the meeting was adjourned at about 8:15 pm.