



Planning Board Meeting Minutes Thursday, April 06, 2023, at 7:30 pm – In-Person Participation

Members Present: Diab Jerius, Chair
I-Ching Scott
Keri Layton
Sally Dale, Vice Chair/Clerk
Nicholas Rossettos

Also Present: Beth Rudolph, Town Manager
Kelly Lynema, candidate for Town Planner
Nancy Polcari, Recording Secretary
WinCam

Others Attending: Rich Mucci (Select Board)
Jack LeMenager (Historical Commission)
John Suhrbier (Housing Partnership Board)
Ellen Spencer (Design Review Committee)

A quorum being in attendance, Chair Jerius calls the Winchester Planning Board (PB) meeting to order at 7:31 pm noting that the meeting is being recorded via WinCam. Roll call of PB members: Dale, Layton, Rossettos, Scott, Jerius in attendance.

1. Interview of Town Planner Candidate, Kelly Lynema:

Chair Jerius: Summarized the application process to date. Last Wednesday, Town employees interviewed Ms. Lynema. Today, each attendee will have an opportunity ask any questions.

Kelly Lynema: Provided her professional background and experience, summarized in her resume. She also elaborated on additional work experiences, interests, and family.

Each attendee then provided background on their committee, identified any concerns and/or challenges, and asked questions for Ms. Lynema. Those participating included Ms. Spencer, Ms. Scott, Mr. Mucci, Mr. Rossettos, Ms. Rudolph, Chair Jerius, Ms. Dale, Ms. Layton, Mr. Suhrbier, and Mr. LeMenager.

Chair Jerius: Thanked Ms. Lynema for her interest, participation, and time.

Ms. Lynema: Thanked the group for their questions and time and left the meeting.

Chair Jerius: Summarized comments from the meeting with Town employees. Their comments were all positive, supporting Ms. Lynema. He also contacted 3 of her references, and outlined several specific experiences the references shared, all positive technically, socially, professionally.

Discussion:

- Great communication skills. Very professional and personable.
- She interviewed better than what her resume conveyed.
- She recognizes the value of tradeoffs when seeking a goal. Very collaborative.
- Very straight forward and honest.
- Concerned that she will find it challenging being the only person in the Planning Department.

Ms. Scott moved to offer Kelly Lynema the position of Town Planner. Mr. Rossettos second the Motion.

Vote: Dale, Layton, Rossettos, Scott, Jerius in favor. Motion passes 5-0-0.

2. Adjourn:

Mr. Rossettos moved to adjourn the PB meeting of April 6, 2023. Ms. Layton second the Motion. Vote: Dale, Layton, Rossettos, Scott, Jerius in favor. Motion passes 5-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:11 pm.

Sally Dale, Clerk

Nancy Polcari, Recording Secretary