

**Town of Rockport Planning Board
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 24, 2023– 5:31 p.m.**

Remote Meeting
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Board Present: Chair Joe Sternowski, Vice Chair Jeffrey Leclair, Jan Rosenbaum, Thomas Laurent, Scott Gazelle, Sam Clark, and Rob Dybas

Board Absent: John Viehman, and Victoria Condon

Staff Present: Orion Thomas, Planning and Development Director

Chair Joe Sternowski called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. with a quorum. Chair Sternowski seated Mr. Gazelle as a full voting member for this meeting.

Item # 2: Finalize Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law regarding a Final Site Plan revision for the new fire station located at 624 West Street Rockport, ME 04856 and identified as Map 18 Lot 79 within Zone District 906. Property is owned by the Town of Rockport.

The Board discussed the need to list present and absent Board members on the Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law document. The Board determined that they believe this should be added.

Director Thomas agreed to add this to the document.

The Board reviewed and discussed the document pertaining to some minor grammatical clean up.

The Board voted to accept the Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law as amended

5-0-2 In favor (Mr. Dybas and Mr. Clark abstained due to not being present at the final review meeting)

The Board voted to allow the Chair to sign the Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law

Moved by Mr. Rosenbaum

Seconded by Mr. Gazelle

5-0-2 In favor (Mr. Dybas and Mr. Clark abstained due to not being present at the final review meeting)

Item # 3: Finalize Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law regarding a Final Subdivision Plan revision for Granite Way Subdivision located at 20 Granite Way Rockport, ME 04856 and identified as Map 26 Lot 005 within Zone District 907. Property is owned by Jonathan Goss.

The Board discussed the need to list present and absent Board members on the Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law document. The Board determined that they believe this should be added.

Director Thomas agreed to add this to the document.

The Board reviewed and discussed the document pertaining to some minor grammatical clean up.

The Board voted to accept the Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law as amended

Moved by Mr. Gazelle

Seconded by Mr. Rosenbaum

5-0-2 In favor (Mr. Dybas and Mr. Clark abstained due to not being present at the final review meeting)

The Board voted to allow the Chair to sign the Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law

Moved by Mr. Leclair

Seconded by Mr. Laurent

5-0-2 In favor (Mr. Dybas and Mr. Clark abstained due to not being present at the final review meeting)

Item # 4: Review of Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes for the 27 July 2023 Planning Board meeting. The Board had a few minor grammatical changes to be made.

The Board discussed making the minutes more broad and not so detailed.

The Board voted to approve the minutes as amended.

Moved by Mr. Rosenbaum

Seconded by Mr. Dybas

No Discussion

5-0-2 In favor (Mr. Dybas and Mr. Clark abstained due to not being present at the final review meeting)

Item # 5: Other Business

Chair Sternowski discussed the upcoming housing workshops.

The date for the next workshop meeting is set for September 14th at 5:30 pm in the Rockport Room at the Rockport Library.

Item # 8: Adjournment

The Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 pm

Moved by Mr. Gazelle

Seconded by Mr. Dybas

No Discussion

6-0-0 In favor

Respectfully Submitted,

Orion Thomas,
Planning and Development Director