



Town of Barnstable Planning Board



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Town of Barnstable JOINT MEETING – HHDC AND PLANNING BOARD Minutes November 25, 2024

Stephen Robichaud – Chairman	Present
Robert Twiss, Vice Chairman	Present
Tim O’Neill – Clerk	Present
Mary Barry	Present
Michael Mecenas	Present
Raymond Sexton	Absent
Matthew Teague	Present

HHDC Members

Cheryl Powell	Present
Tom Doherty	Present
Jack Kay	Present
Laura Cronin	Present
Cornelius Cawley	Present
Matt Clark	Present
Peri Wentworth	Present
Jeniffer Hinckley Needham	Present
Kevin Matthews	Present
Conrad Watson	Absent

Also in attendance were Planning & Development Staff; James Kupfer, Director and Karen Pina, Principal Assistant.

Barnstable Town Hall, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA, James H. Crocker, Jr., Hearing Room, 2nd Floor at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting notice previously filed with Town Clerk

Application materials may be accessed through the Planning Board website at:

<https://www.townofbarnstable.us/boardscommittees/PlanningBoard/default.asp?brd=Planning+Board&brdid=19&y ear=2023> or by contacting Karen.pina@town.barnstable.ma.us or calling 508-862-4064.

Notice of Recording The meeting will be televised live via Xfinity Channel 8 or high definition Channel 1072.

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<http://streaming85.townofbarnstable.us/CablecastPublicSite/watch/1?channel=1>

The Chair must inquire whether anyone else is taping this meeting and to please make their presence known.

Call to Order Introduction of Commission and Board Members – 7:04 p.m.

Planning Board Attendance Roll Call

Micheal Mecnas
Tim O’Neill
Matt Teague
Mary Barry
Bob Twiss
Stephen Robichaud

HHDC Attendance Roll Call
Elliot Zable is recording the meeting

HHDC Attendance Roll Call

Cornelius Cawley
Matt Clark
Jeniffer Hinkley Needham
Peri Wentworth
Tom Doherty
Kevin Matthews
Jack Kay
Laura Cronin
Cheryl Powell

Joint Meeting with the Hyannis Main Street Waterfront Historic District Commission

Unified Downtown Hyannis Design Guidelines and Regulations

In accordance with Section 240-24.1.3.B.2.(a) the Planning Board shall review proposed amendments to the Design and Infrastructure Plan with the Hyannis Main Street Waterfront Historic District Commission

Planning Board Chair Stephen Robichaud gives a background/history of the past meeting. Public art displays -Pg. 46 of the document is exception. All seems to agree and in light of the legal memorandum issued by the Legal Dept. Chair recommends to consider pg. 46 as reserved allowing time for more review, which will allow the Planning Board and the HHDC Commission to work on. Previous document is a huge improvement.

Jim Kupfer, Commission and Board received a letter late this month from Assistant Town attorney and stating regulations need to be content neutral. Have a small working group that’s been working on the language. Maybe some public outreach and input.

Planning Board Chair Stephen Robichaud, the content of Pg. 46 of the document is quite complex. Legal is very important. May be more appropriate for independent review for Pg. 46. That is his recommendation and to put this aside.

HHDC Chair Cheryl Powell states that we are just about there. Worked very hard on this so far. They feel it is good to bifurcate this page and mark as reserved and get more legal input to make sure it is done as it should be.

All agree on Planning Board.

All agree on the HHDC Commission.

Tom Doherty asks when will this start? Attorneys involved?

Jim Kupfer replies, will do the outreach. Attended and got information recently. Soon as all able to. Yes, attorney's as well.

Kevin Matthews, yes, need legal, just got this memorandum a few days ago.

Planning Board Chair Stephen Robichaud, in receipt of 8 pieces of correspondence that were received today. He reads off the list of persons/entities that sent in correspondence. These came in late, may not have had time to read all.

Jim Kupfer - any not received we will send to members.

Planning Board Chair Stephen Robichaud, the consensus is to reserve pg. 46, this document does not include any content for art displays. The future process will include the public. Looking for new public comment tonight.

Public Comment

Mary George, Co Executive of the Cordial Eye, in attendance. Supports bifurcating this page and have a better more in depth process for this. Program that hire historians that uncover historic properties. The conception of history is not neutral. We have an opportunity together to help with the inclusion. And support a public way for art in our community.

Anastacia Pacella in attendance, from the Cordial Eye. Open Meeting Guidelines, how applicable.

Jim Kupfer, confirms this was not a subcommittee, this is a working group.

Anastacia Pacella, particularly for this pg. 46. What does content neutral means? Appreciates the level of detail in present guidelines HHDC has. New unified design guidelines doesn't have appendix. Section 7b on pg. 46 - thanks for the change, that states "historic" section 7b a and b3, Hyannis is multicultural and diverse.

Mary Ann Agresti, Architect in attendance. Art is not necessary - a matter of opinion. Important to separate this discussion or have a separate committee, maybe have another entity do. This commission doesn't have skill for that. Protocol and traditions, mentors added, there's an opportunity to have an amazing group for this.

Antonia Stephens, Director of Hyannis Public library. Maritime wording is out of this now. Would like all to consider that putting an emphasis that is contemporary art. Doesn't want to be put to a disadvantage because in the historic district.

Christine Bologna, trustee on Hyannis Public Library Board. Art is subjective. Community art, would like to reflect the community – have great culture here , not just one dimensional.

Joe Diggs in attendance. Has been rejected to put art on Main Street in the past. Have artists here and are part of a cross section here. This is a financial institution, art makes and brings money. Our town isn't keeping up with the pace of what other towns are doing. Need to tap into those resources. Our community can support us in what we are trying to make. Source has not been tapped for this. Look at the overall situation for us.

Craig Florence, Hyannis artist in attendance. Need to find ways to celebrate in ways of the people that live here today. Never seen or heard any opposition for art. Only coming from individuals here.

Chair Stephen Robichaud, only considering the guidelines not any past applications.

Caitlyn Sawyer in attendance. A trustee of Hyannis Public Library. New Bedford museum, saw the most amazing mural about slavery. Made such a conversation, not about whaling or maritime, but an interesting piece – touch conversations sometimes. Need to learn from things such as this. Raising children in a tougher world. A community has to represent everyone.

Planning Board Chair Stephen Robichaud entertains a motion to close the public hearing, moved by Bob Twiss, seconded by Michael Mecnas,

Roll Call Vote:

Michael Mecnas - aye
Tim O'Neill – aye
Matt Teague - aye
Mary Barry - aye
Bob Twiss - aye
Stephen Robichaud - aye

HHDC Chair Cheryl Powell entertains a motion to close the public hearing, moved by Jack Kay, seconded by Tom Doherty,

Roll Call Vote:

Cornelius Cawley – aye
Matt Clark - aye
Jeniffer Hinckley Needham - aye
Peri Wentworth - aye
Tom Doherty - aye
Jack Kay - aye
Laura Cronin - aye
Cheryl Powell - aye

Planning Board Chair Stephen Robichaud thanks all for coming. A deeper review is definitely needed. Would like public to continue to be involved.

Chair Stephen Robichaud - point of order – to reserve pg. 46 – then motion to adopt as amended.

Planning Board Chair Stephen Robichaud entertains a motion to reserve page 46 of the Unified Downtown Hyannis Design Guidelines and regulations document and move forward, moved by Bob Twiss, seconded by Michael Mecnas,

Roll Call Vote:

Michael Mecnas - aye
Tim O'Neill - aye
Matt Teague - aye
Mary Barry - aye
Bob Twiss - aye
Stephen Robichaud - aye

Motion made by HHDC Chair Cheryl Powell to bifurcate and reserve page 46, seconded by Tom Doherty,

Roll Call Vote:

Cornelius Cawley – aye
Matt Clark – aye
Jeniffer Hinckley Needham - aye

Tom Doherty - aye
Jack Kay - aye
Laura Cronin - aye
Cheryl Powell - aye

Planning Board Chair Stephen Robichaud moves to adopt the updated Unified Downtown Hyannis Design Regulations and Guidelines as amended, seconded by Tim O'Neill,

Roll Call Vote:

Michel Mecnas – aye
Tim O'Neill – aye
Matt Teague - aye
Mary Barry - aye
Bob Twiss – aye
Stephen Robichaud - aye

HHDC Chair Cheryl Powell moves to adopt the updated Unified Downtown Hyannis Design Regulations as proposed and amended pursuant to Chapter 112-28 of the General Ordinance, seconded by Cornelius Cawley,

Roll Call Vote:

Cornelius Cawley - aye
Matt Teague - aye
Jenniffer Hinckley Needham – aye
Tom Doherty - aye
Jack Kay - aye
Laura Cronin - aye
Cheryl Powell - aye

Adjournment from Joint Meeting with the Hyannis Main Street Waterfront Historic District Commission

Planning Board Chair Stephen Robichaud entertains a motion to adjourn, moved by Tim O'Neill , seconded by Michael Mecnas,

Roll Call Vote

Michael Mecnas - aye
Tim O'Neill - aye
Matt Teague – aye
Mary Barry – aye
Bob Twiss – aye
Stephen Robichaud - aye

HHDC Chair Cheryl Powell entertains a motion to adjourn, seconded by Cornelius Cawley,

Roll Call Vote:

Cornelius Cawley - aye
Matt Clark – aye
Jeniffer Hinckley Needham - aye
Tom Doherty - aye
Jack Kay - aye
Laura Cronin aye
Cheryl Powell - aye

Meeting ended at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Pina, Principal Assistant, Planning & Development

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APPROVED