

WEBSTER PLANNING BOARD

JUNE 16, 2022 Meeting Minutes



The Webster Planning Board met on May 16, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. for a regularly scheduled meeting.

CALL TO ORDER: Sara Stahlman called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tonya Basse, Brandon Core, Leigh Anne Young, Sara Stahlman

MEMBERS ABSENT: Brandon McDevitt, Rachael Pollack, Jenny Reisinger, Will Whitfield

OTHERS PRESENT: None

Sara Stahlman made a motion to recess the meeting and reconvene at the ball field adjacent to the Old Webster Rock School, Brandon Core seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Sara Stahlman requested a motion to adjourn the meeting and reconvene at the ball field. Tonya Basse made a motion, Brandon Core seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Sara Stahlman made a motion to reconvene the meeting at the ball field after a brief recess. Tonya Basse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Sara Stahlman read aloud the ethics statement. No conflicts were expressed.

GENERAL MEETING

Approval of Agenda and Minutes:

The meeting agenda and May 19, 2022 meeting minutes were reviewed.

MOTION: Brandon Core motioned to approve the agenda, Tonya Basse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Brandon Core motioned to approve the May 19, 2022 meeting minutes, Sara Stahlman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Informal comments by the public: None

Administrative Reports:

Chair Report: Sara Stahlman reported she has started a Pinterest board of ideas and pictures for a naturescape lookbook. She will share it with planning board members, and members can like/star what we like. Sara met with Robin Sharrett, and he can provide estimates based on our preferences.

Planning Board Members' Reports: Leigh Anne Young reported she relayed to the Town Board two funding priorities. These include park/playground and traffic/speed concerns. She indicated we

should share documentation that the speed issues are a pattern and not random instances. We should document any instances to gather in the meantime. She shared signage possibilities, whether on behalf of the town or temporary signs among residents. She reported any use of the Old Webster Rock School would need to be put in writing to the Town Board, in which they would work with Jackson County. She shared the idea of placing a USGS flood gauge on the Tuckasegee River here in Webster. She reported there is now a lease agreement between Jackson County Public Schools and Jackson County Parks and Recreation Department for the ball field space, effective July 1, although she is unsure of the restroom situation. Town Board discussion was shared about parklets and potential funding opportunities from Lowe's.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Animal Control and Noise Ordinance Review

Sara Stahlman invited Leigh Anne Young to report. Leigh Anne reported that Sara shared with her a number of concerns or gaps that exist in the animal control ordinance. She will share these with planning board members for input and/or additional commentary. Once all feedback is gathered, a revised version of the animal control ordinance will be presented to the Town Board for consideration. Regarding the noise ordinance, discussion ensued whether and to what degree to include noise related to firearm usage. The existing verbiage in the noise ordinance is vague in nature and may be in need of further definition prior to passing a recommendation along to the Town Board for consideration. Sara Stahlman questioned whether any existing ordinances address farm animals, such as cows, chickens, etc, and whether this topic fits into these particular ordinances or otherwise. Sara also questioned any ordinance that addresses leaving food out to intentionally feed wild animals. Based on the discussion, the planning board will continue reviewing these ordinances.

2. Funding Prioritization

No discussion on this topic.

3. Traffic Calming

Leigh Anne Young reported we continue to document all issues regarding speed in Webster. Sara Stahlman will review the traffic calming document and either clean it up and/or determine whether it is appropriate to pass along to the Town Board.

4. Community Picnic/Potluck/Supper Committee

Leigh Anne Young reported the idea of a Webster Community Block Party to be held at the location of the ball fields in conjunction with the rentable space at the Old Webster Rock School. Options may include food provided by the town, potluck, or food trucks, whether funded by the town and/or self-pay by residents. The town would provide drinks. Funding opportunities may include the town, Duke Energy grant for this purpose, etc.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Short Term Rentals

Leigh Anne Young reported there is currently no verbiage in current ordinances that address short term rentals, such as Airbnb and VRBO. The topic is complicated, legally, and will be something we continue to explore, study, and consider in the future. This topic will remain on our agendas for future recommendations to the Town Board for action. Leigh Anne will pull ordinance examples to review sample verbiage at a future meeting, perhaps in the fall or winter when more planning board members are in attendance. The topic will be moved to Old Business and an ongoing conversation will continue.

2. Food at August Meeting

Brandon McDevitt was absent at today's meeting and, therefore, will bring food to the August meeting.

MOTION: Tonya Basse made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m., seconded by Brandon Core. Motion carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING: The Planning Board will meet on August 18, 2022, at the Webster Town Hall prior to recessing to the ball field/park area next to the Old Webster Rock School.

MEETING SUMMARY:

- Sara Stahlman will share the “naturescape lookbook” Pinterest board with planning board members for input on preferences.
- Leigh Anne Young will share with planning board members a number of concerns or gaps that exist in the animal control ordinance. Both the animal control and noise ordinances will continue to be a topic of discussion at future meetings.
- Sara Stahlman will review the traffic calming document and either clean it up and/or determine if it is ready to pass along to the Town Board for consideration and potential action.
- Leigh Anne Young will continue to meet with the subcommittee tasked with planning the Community Picnic/Potluck/Supper and share monthly updates with the Planning Board.
- Leigh Anne Young will pull Short Term Rental ordinance examples for review at a future meeting, perhaps in the fall or winter when more planning board members will be in attendance. The topic will be moved to Old Business and ongoing discussion will occur.
- Brandon McDevitt will provide food at the August meeting of the Planning Board.

Brandon Core, Secretary, Planning Board, Town of Webster