



GEORGIA VERMONT

Planning Commission Meeting Tuesday, February 13, 2024 Chris Letourneau Meeting Room and via Zoom Minutes

Zoom Details:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6165843896?pwd=STduU2JzTmpiVmE1MXZSaWZWLzVadz09>

Meeting ID: 616 584 3896 | Passcode: 5243524

Dial by your Location: 1 929 205 6099 (New York)

1. CALL TO ORDER - 6:30 PM

PLANNING COMMISSION PRESENT

Chair Suzanna Brown
Emily Johnson
Jared Waite
Tony Heinlein

PLANNING COMMISSION ABSENT

Greg Drew

STAFF PRESENT

Douglas Bergstrom, Zoning Administrator
Cheryl Letourneau, Town Administrator

GUESTS PRESENT VIA ZOOM

Michael Allen, ReGrowth

2. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

3. DISCUSSION

A. Town Plan Survey Update: Survey Takeaways & Initial Reactions

Michael Allen from ReGrowth addressed initial reactions to the Town Plan Survey:

- Presentation will include an overview of take-aways the community has provided from the survey. He will entertain questions from the public and reconvene with the Planning Commission.
- The low response from the community for the need for apartments was elicited by the potential development/ developer here in town that has a poor reputation; and the apartments they provide are perceived as "low-income". Because this DRB meeting precedes the Town Plan Survey Results meeting, expect this to be a topic of conversation.
- Another topic of discussion is restaurants. The survey indicated the community was interested in restaurants in Georgia, though not as any "fast food" options. This is an area that can be delved into more thoroughly during the meeting.
- Vacant property and junk was discussed with the Planning Commission as to how the topic will be discussed during the meeting. Would like more discussion without inducing an argument. Town of Georgia has a Junk Ordinance adopted and currently under Selectboard review.
- Police coverage was a top priority in the Town Plan survey, this will be another hot topic as the Town of Georgia cannot get more police coverage at this time.
- Presentation on 2/27/24 will be recorded so we can post it to the website for residents unable to attend.
- GIS mapping will be updated and M. Allen will be collecting information to produce new maps. He will ideally have 6 easels for Georgia residents to inspect. The Town will also have solar sunglasses to be passed out for anyone interested, this will drive traffic towards the Town Plan information booth.
- M. Allen and C. Letourneau will visit the school on 2/27/2024 before the Town Plan Survey Results meeting to troubleshoot the space for ReGrowth at the Town Meeting.

B. Development Regulation Review

C. Definition Review

- Definition Review began with "Capital Budget" on page 160 and ended at the bottom of page 164. All definitions reviewed will be added to the draft of new Development Regulations.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Planning Meeting Minutes 1/23/2024

Motion to approve minutes with insignificant changes.

Motion made by Waite, Seconded by Johnson.

Voting Yea: Chair Brown, Johnson, Waite

Voting Abstaining: Heinlein

5. PLAN NEXT MEETING AGENDA

A. Planning Meeting 2/27/2024

Planning Meeting 2/27/2024 will be held at the Fire Station Community Room from 6-8 pm for Town Plan Survey Results discussion.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

7. DELIBERATIONS

8. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 9:06 p.m.

Motion made by Waite, Seconded by Heinlein.

Voting Yea: Chair Brown, Johnson, Waite, Heinlein

Posted to the Town website.

Signed: Douglas Bergstrom, Zoning Administrator, Planning Coordinator

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