



# Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive  
Petersburg, AK 99833

## Meeting Minutes Planning Commission Regular Meeting

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Tuesday, August 10, 2021

12:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

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### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:00noon.

### 2. Roll Call

#### PRESENT

Commission Chair Chris Fry  
Commission Vice-Chair Richard Burke  
Commission Secretary Sally Dwyer  
Commissioner Nancy Strand  
Commissioner Heather O'Neil  
Commissioner Jim Floyd

### 3. Acceptance of Agenda

Director Cabrera made a correction to the description of the James and Sonya Whitethorn zoning. Amended agenda was unanimously approved.

Motion made by Commission Secretary Dwyer, Seconded by Commissioner O'Neil.  
Voting Yea: Commission Chair Fry, Commission Vice-Chair Burke, Commission Secretary Dwyer, Commissioner Strand, Commissioner O'Neil, Commissioner Floyd

### 4. Approval of Minutes

The Meeting Minutes from 6/8/2021 were unanimously approved.

Motion made by Commission Secretary Dwyer, Seconded by Commissioner O'Neil.  
Voting Yea: Commission Vice-Chair Burke, Commission Secretary Dwyer, Commissioner Strand, Commissioner O'Neil, Commissioner Floyd

1. Meeting Minutes from June 8th, 2021.

## 5. Public Comments

Malena Marvin spoke on her own behalf regarding Chris Miller's illegal building on their property on Hogue Alley. Director Liz Cabrera gave a history of what the Building Inspector's efforts in enforcement have been and the steps that has been taken recently. She will update the Commission at the next meeting.

David Whitethorn spoke on his own behalf reporting that he's called the Police Department to complain about this situation a number of times and nothing has been done.

## 6. Consent Calendar

1. Acceptance and scheduling of an application from Dave Ohmer for a conditional use permit for a rock quarry/borrow operation at 521 Mitkof Hwy (PID: 01-114-500).

The motion to accept scheduling the conditional use application from Dave Ohmer for a rock quarry/borrow operation at 521 Mitkof Hwy (PID 01-114-500) was unanimously approved for the next meeting, September 8, 2021.

Motion made by Commission Secretary Dwyer, Seconded by Commissioner Strand. Voting Yea: Commission Chair Fry, Commission Vice-Chair Burke, Commission Secretary Dwyer, Commissioner Strand, Commissioner O'Neil, Commissioner Floyd

## 7. Public Hearing Items

1. Consideration of an application from Kathi Riemer for a variance from the rear and side yard setback requirements to allow for two sheds with 1' of the property lines at 313 Cornelius Rd. (PID: 01-031-584).

Kathi Riemer spoke on her own behalf giving a history on this property and the reason for the application. Pat Weaver spoke as the previous owner and reiterated what Ms. Riemer testified to.

Discussion.

The application for Kathi Riemer for a variance was unanimously approved.

Motion made by Commissioner Strand, Seconded by Commission Secretary Dwyer. Voting Yea: Commission Chair Fry, Commission Vice-Chair Burke, Commission Secretary Dwyer, Commissioner Strand, Commissioner O'Neil, Commissioner Floyd

2. Consideration of an application from Dave Ohmer for a variance from the front yard setback requirement to allow for construction of a single-family residence within 15' of the property line at 613 Sandy Beach Rd. (PID: 01-004-010).

The application from Dave Ohmer for a variance from the front yard setback requirement was unanimously approved.

Motion made by Commission Secretary Dwyer, Seconded by Commissioner Strand. Voting Yea: Commission Chair Fry, Commission Vice-Chair Burke, Commission Secretary Dwyer, Commissioner Strand, Commissioner O'Neil, Commissioner Floyd

3. Consideration of an application from James & Sonja Whitethorn for a variance from the side yard setback requirement to allow for an existing single-family residence within 6.3' of the property line at 101 Mill Rd. (PID: 01-031-502).

Jim Whitethorn spoke on his own behalf giving a history of the property and explained his building construction and location.

The application from James & Sonja Whitethorn for a variance from the side yard setback requirement was unanimously approved.

Motion made by Commissioner Strand, Seconded by Commission Vice-Chair Burke. Voting Yea: Commission Chair Fry, Commission Vice-Chair Burke, Commission Secretary Dwyer, Commissioner Strand, Commissioner O'Neil, Commissioner Floyd

## **8. Non-Agenda Items**

1. Commissioner Comments

Jim Floyd spoke on the revised ordinance code and since he wasn't a part of the process, he feels this needs to be addressed again. Director Cabrera gave an explanation of the process and what has already occurred. Since COVID hit during the process, she will need to review the project, as well as review the building inspections. Discussion.

Director Cabrera spoke on the Hogue Alley issue and suggested the Commission address their letter to the Borough Manager as a first step. Discussion.

2. Staff Comments

Director Cabrera spoke on the four person presence requirement for a quorum. Assembly Member Kensinger is drafting an ordinance that would enable a distance presence to count toward the quorum. She will report back on that.

Also, Director Cabrera asked if the Commission is wanting her to draft the letter that would go to the Borough Manager regarding the Hogue Alley issue. It was agreed that she would do that.

3. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, September 14th, 2021 at 12:00pm.

## 9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55pm.

Motion made by Commissioner Strand, Seconded by Commission Secretary Dwyer.

Voting Yea: Commission Chair Fry, Commission Vice-Chair Burke, Commission Secretary Dwyer, Commissioner Strand, Commissioner O'Neil, Commissioner Floyd

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Chair Chris Fry

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