

Baldwin Planning Board

Meeting Minutes 4/23/2020

I. Call to Order

Strock called the meeting to order at 7pm

II. Roll Call

Jo Pierce, Nichol Ernst, David Strock, Matt Fricker, Matt Sanborn, Bob Flint (alternate), Mat Selectmen Gerry Brown, Dwight Warren, CEO Wes Sunderland

III. Reading of the Minutes From Last Meeting

Ernst brought up that we have not approved several meetings worth of minutes. Strock asked that these will be sent out and reviewed at the next board meeting. Ernst stated that he would send this to board members prior to the next meeting.

IV. Open Business

A. Van Hertel subdivision-Strock stated that awhile back an individual came to the planning board asking for two subdivisions on either side of Sand Pond Rd. and there was questions during the discussion regarding the origins of the property in regards to when the lots were sold/parceled off, in that three divisions within 5 years is a subdivision, with certain exceptions. The challenge has been trying to determine exactly how to assess this subdivision and where/when we start counting separations from the “mother lot”. The mother lot can only be fragmented in to two pieces, because the third fragmentation becomes a subdivision and needs to go through the subdivision process. The one on the right side of Sand Pond Rd (looking in from 107) is a challenging question to figure out the division of lots. Two documents posted on the town website relevant to this topic—one being the CEO’s findings, and one being a colored map from the town assessor. The question before the board is to evaluate the CEO’s findings and figure out if more information is needed from the landowner’s to figure out what is needed to make a determination.

Pierce brought up wanting to see the language in the deeds to determine what land was actually transferred.

Sunderland stated that the tract of land goes from Freemont up to Cram Rd along 107. There are three roads crossing it—Sand Pond and two private roads.

Sunderland stated there are four separate tracts of land. Sunderland spoke with the road commissioner and he confirmed that Sand Pond is public, the other two are private. Sunderland stated the roads separate the tracts into separate parcels.

Strock stated that typically it is the job of the landowner to prove they can do

what they want to do with their and and wondered what Sunderland is attempting to prove. Sunderland stated that he has always contended that in the whole “mother lot” only one division has been made. Sunderland stated that the assessor told the CEO and selectmen that it is up to the planning board to make a final decision. Pierce stated that all of the land north of Sand Pond Rd to Cram Rd is likely the mother lot in question. Discussion ensued about a private road dividing a property. Sunderland stated that a private road can divide a property if it was created by a different owner. Pierce stated that he has never heard this before and would like a legal opinion about it. Strock stated that there is a portion of the subdivision ordinance that as long as the landowner did not create the road, is it a division or not? It could also be read as anytime the current landowner builds the road than it does not divide the land even if they sell the land to someone else. Sunderland agreed that there are facts missing. Pierce stated that the board would need to see the deeds. Ernst stated that we also need some legal interpretation on the definition of when a private road divides a property. Ernst stated that he doesn’t necessarily mind the CEO putting effort into it. Pierce stated that as a taxpayer he does not want his tax money spent on the CEO using his time to do the work of someone creating a subdivision. Ernst stated that as a counterpoint, as a taxpayer could appreciate the CEO helping out someone who wants to develop part of the town.

B. Nature’s Wilderness

Strock summarized that the public hearings have occurred and then COVID-19 hit and consideration of the permit and possible conditions have not yet been discussed. There is a “finding of fact” document from Lee Jay Feldman of SMPDC that is posted on the town website and also a final submission with up to date documents from Jeff Amos and Gerry Brown that is also posted on the town website. Amos stated that he concurred with Strock’s statements. Amos stated that they are ready to discuss the documents from SMPDC. Amos stated that the applicant would be open to all of the conditions submitted by Lee Jay Feldman with the one exception being the landowner being allowed to live on the premises during non-operational months in the residence that is on the site. Pierce recused himself from discussion of this CUP. Feldman asked that it would be an appropriate action for Flint to state for the record that he has reviewed all of the materials. Flint stated that he has reviewed the material, but not all of it to date. Feldman reviewed the finding of fact and why it is important in this process. Ernst brought up the question of whether Nature’s Wilderness is a Maine or Florida corporation. Discussed ensued. Strock requested that Brown speak with his legal team and talk with us about it at the next Planning Board Meeting. It was stated that Mr. Efron gifted 50 acres to his aunt and then sold some acreage to someone. Some discussed ensued about whether this made it a subdivision or not, but it was determined that it did not, as one division went to a relative. Strock asked if there was a survey of the 398 remaining acres. Brown stated that do not have a survey, but it was legal division that is documented. Strock brought up a possible condition that the landowner not sell more land off of the parcel. Discussed some language around a possible condition. Discussed upgrades to Marston’s road will be completed before the start of phase 2. Discussed needed

updated overall property boundary information. Fricker brought up wanting more clarification on road improvements. Discussion ensued regarding road improvements and when they should occur.

V. New Business

A. Welcoming Bob Flint back to the planning board as an alternate.

B. Jon Emmons-Mr. Emmons came to the planning board for an autobody repair facility out in front of Dodge Oil across from the Whistle Stop. He started work on the building approximately five months ago and more recently started to use the facility. There has been a series of complaints with regard to noise at the facility, barking dogs and Strock stated that he has received emails from Danielle Taylor and Wes Sunderland asking what can be done about it. Strock stated that the planning board is not the enforcement body and nothing that we can do, but important that we as a board hear what the issues are. Strock stated that the board could consider asking Mr. Emmons to come back before the board. Sunderland discussed approximately two months ago he began sending letters to Mr. Emmons and also physically visiting him. Sunderland stated that he has not been irate, but he does get heated. The animal control officer has been involved. A claim of cars “racing up and down 113”. Sunderland said he has discussed with Mr. Emmons about barking dogs and racing cars. Sunderland stated that he feels the next step would be to talk with Jay Banks, the landlord and CUP holder. Both selectmen Brown and Doloff supported Sunderland speaking with Banks. Sunderland stated that if things did not “simmer down” maybe the CUP would be revisited before the planning board. The biggest issue seems to be cars “racing up and down 113”, although Sunderland reports no definitive proof. Pierce stated that re-opening a CUP is concerning to him as a precedent. Brown asked why the planning board cannot take away the permission that it grants. Strock stated that the planning board approves the CUP, but then it is the CEO with the backing of the selectmen that enforce compliance. Ernst brought up that these issues are not CUP and care shop condition issues and seem somewhat irrelevant to planning board issues. Pierce stated that he understands the CEO and selectmen wanting to use the planning board as a “tool” for talking to Mr. Emmons, we can. Strock stated that if the selectmen want him to come talk to the planning board as a condition, we would be happy to speak with him, but we have very little enforcement power. Fricker brought up that he ran into Emmons at the Whistle Stop, and Emmons stated that he wanted to come back to the planning board to discuss having a larger sign.

C. Annual planning board elections

Ernst nominated Strock to be chair, seconded by Sanborn. Strock nominated Ernst to be secretary, seconded by Pierce. Strock nominated Pierce to be vice-

chair, seconded by Fricker. Unanimous vote on all three nominations, making Strock the chair, Pierce the vice-chair and Ernst the secretary again.

VI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9pm.

Submitted by: Nichol Ernst

Attachments:

David Strock

Thu, Apr 23,
4:32 PM

to Matthew, Nichol, Matt, Glen, Bob, Josiah

Poll -

(1) Who will be participating via a computer (so you can see documents if they are shared)

(2) Who will be participating at all?

Thank you.

On Thu, Apr 23, 2020 at 3:13 PM David Strock <dastrock@gmail.com> wrote:
Please add this to the website.



Josiah Pierce

Thu, Apr 23,
4:34 PM

to David, Bob, Glen, Matt, Matthew, Nichol

I will be participating via iPhone. I will be able to access documents on the town website via pc at the same time. The audio on the pc is lousy and the earphone Jack is dodgy.
Jo

Nichol Ernst <nernst@summitachievement.com>

Thu, Apr 23,
6:00 PM

to Josiah, David, Bob, Glen, Matt, Matthew, Nichol

I will attend via computer and will be able to see documents and take minutes

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On Apr 23, 2020, at 4:34 PM, Josiah Pierce <unclejo@cpierce.com> wrote:



Bob Flint

Thu, Apr 23,
6:37 PM

to David, Matthew, Nichol, Matt, Glen, Josiah

via computer

David Strock

Fri, Apr 17,
10:13 AM

to Josiah, Matthew, nichol, stickmanfrick, Glen, dtaylorbaldwin, rflint57, ljfeldman

All -

The Planning Board will conduct a virtual meeting on 4/23/20. Anyone who would like access should request the Zoom meeting link from Danielle Taylor (dtaylorbaldwin@gmail.com) or contact the town office. The meeting also can be accessed through a telephone call in number.

Agenda -

Ground rules for Zoom meeting
Public comment on agenda items

- (1) John Emmonds - complaints about noise
- (2) Subdivision issues raised by Wes Sunderland
- (3) Nature Wilderness Resorts CUP - limited discussion
- (4) Welcome Bob Flint

(5) Board's annual elections

Documents -

All documents discussed will be available under the Planning Board tab on the Town's website. The documents (or links) should be posted three days prior to the meeting.

URL for Planning Board tab - <https://www.baldwinmaine.org/planning-board-.html>

Thank you and be well.
David Strock, Chair

David Strock <dastrock@gmail.com>

Wed, Apr 1,
3:26 PM

to Jo, Glen, Matt, Nichol, Matt

Gents -

What shall we do?

Stating the obvious - we cannot meet in person for the foreseeable future. The selectmen's approach is untenable.

I think we need to have an online, virtual meeting going forward. Let's have Danielle set up the process for the second meeting in April, put an add in the Shopping Guide to announce the change, how the public can access it, and require all documentation to be provided in electronic form. I have been in hundreds of these virtual meetings, both with video and without, and they can be very difficult to make productive. However, I do not think we have a choice.

Comments? Understand that we may have to make these emails public, so use discretion.

Strock



Nichol Ernst <nernst@summitachievement.com>

Wed, Apr 1,
3:56 PM

to David, Jo, Glen, Matt, Nichol, Matt

I support moving forward with a zoom meeting. I have a business account and am happy to notice it in the Shopper's guide with proper login info if we choose to move forward.

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On Apr 1, 2020, at 3:26 PM, David Strock <dastrock@gmail.com> wrote:



Matthew Fricker <stickmanfrick@ptd.net>

Wed, Apr 1,
4:44 PM

to me, David, Jo, Glen, Nichol, Matt



Matthew Fricker
(215) 527-2822
Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 1, 2020, at 3:56 PM, Nichol Ernst <nernst@summitachievement.com> wrote:

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Danielle Taylor <dtaylorbaldwin@gmail.com>

Wed, Apr 1,
2:28 PM

to Glen, Jo, Matt, Nichol, Matt, David, Jim, Gerry, Dwight

Good afternoon,

During the workshop last night, the Selectmen discussed a plan for now would be to convene outside next Tuesday in the town office parking lot in order to adhere to the 6 foot safety rule of social distancing and maintain the sanitation of the office and conduct their meeting.

what are the planning board's plans at this point? I am updating the municipal calendar to post on website (realizing that things change daily due to conditions)
let me know your thoughts and what the plan is so I can post info on the website to update the public.

Thank you,
Danielle

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David Strock <dastrock@gmail.com>

Wed, Apr 1,
3:21 PM

to Danielle, Glen, Jo, Matt, Nichol, Matt, Jim, Gerry, Dwight

Danielle -

Our plan was to have the selectmen test out the technology for a public hearing online. My understanding of your email is that the selectmen are not planning on using the technology. I guess we will be waiting a while for that to happen. It surprises me that the selectmen will be conducting a meeting in light of Gov. Mills' stay at home order of 3/31 and prohibition on public gatherings (cannot remember if it is 10 or 5 max). We'll put together a plan and let you know.

David Strock



Danielle Taylor <dtaylorbaldwin@gmail.com>

Wed, Apr 1,
3:37 PM

to Debbie, David, Glen, Jo, Matt, Nichol, Matt, Jim, Gerry, Dwight

I did just speak with Jim Dolloff after I sent this email,
He told me the Selectboard will move forward with setting up Zoom and do trial runs
for now.

If it goes well, will publish an ad in the Shopping guide with remote meeting
instructions for residents so they can join in for next meeting.

Will keep PB posted on the progress.

Thank you
Danielle

Thank you,
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Josiah Pierce <unclejo@cpierce.com>

Wed, Apr 1,
4:02 PM

to Danielle, David, Debbie, Dwight, Gerry, Glen, Jim, Matt, Matt, Nichol

Baldwin's tradition of citizens being able to comment in the course of meetings can be
very helpful to boards. It brings to the table other points of view that a board may not be
aware of. We have seen it save boards in Baldwin from making embarrassing mistakes.
We should struggle to preserve this valuable asset.

I too have been involved in too many Zoom meetings recently. There is a different
dynamic to them than to in the same room, face to face meetings. Maybe that's the
future though and we have to get used to it.

Jo

Matthew Fricker <stickmanfrick@ptd.net>

to David, Jo, Nichol, Glen, Matthew, Danielle

FYI, relevant excerpts from an article in this morning's Press Herald:

“On March 15, Mills declared a civil emergency in Maine because of the coronavirus.

Three days later, she issued an executive order banning gatherings of more than 10 people to address public health, safety and welfare during the public health emergency.

That law allows towns to conduct public meetings through “telephonic, video, electronic or other means.”

Public notice is required and the notice must include the method by which the public can participate.

All participating board members must be able to hear and speak with all other board members and the public audience. Additionally, municipalities must also allow public participation and all voters must be able to participate.

“ In guidance provided to towns on the temporary provisions, the Maine Municipal Association advised that towns should allow nonessential meetings and agenda items, and limiting business to items necessary to the operation of the town. Officials test equipment and technology well before the meeting to minimize disruptions.”

“Under state law, the public does not generally have a right to participate in board or committee meetings. However, public comment or local rules require. However, during the COVID-19 related state of emergency, the law allows for public involvement. For example, board could provide methods for citizens to participate in the meeting via email, phone, mail or other means,” MMA’s legal services department said.

Sigmund Schutz, a First Amendment attorney with PretiFlaherty who represents Maine Municipal Association, said the Freedom of Access Act “gives you the right to attend, but not necessarily participate.” He said that certain types of proceedings – including Planning Board decisions – must have input from the public.

Matthew Fricker
(215) 527-2822
Sent from my iPhone



Danielle Taylor <dtaylorbaldwin@gmail.com>

to Gerry, Jim, Dwight, Matthew, David, Jo, Nichol, Glen, Matthew

Thanks Matt!

Does the Planning Board have any interest to move forward with meetings and be set up remotely? The Selectboard now has kindles with the zoom application. The goal is to set up zoom meetings more often. You can find more information on the town website here <https://townofhiram.org/zoom-meeting-info>

The goal would be to set up something similar. There is also a feature that zoom has to record the meetings and the public can access the recordings after they are uploaded.

If the Planning Board wants to be set up with remote meetings, please let me know. Whoever doesn't have the capability at home (PC, smartphone, tablet etc) with a microphone and a camera for about \$50 to be able to remotely participate. The camera is not necessary, just need to have audio.

please let me know, so we can set this up as soon as possible and roll this information out to the public.

Thanks so much, stay safe & healthy
Danielle

Thank you,
Danielle

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David Strock <dastrock@gmail.com>

to Danielle, Matthew, Jo, Nichol, Glen, Matthew, Gerry, Jim, Dwight

Danielle - I would prefer to have the Selectmen try out the technology and then make a recommendation on whether or not that the technology will impair the Board's ability to discuss issues in an effective manner. I am particularly concerned that the technology to be problematic to large group discussions. The next Planning Board meeting would be on April 9th? If so, it would be helpful to have their feedback. By April 6th, I will conduct a straw poll of the Planning Board on whether they want Zoom or similar technology.

David Strock
Chair, Planning Board

Reply Reply all Forward

Planning Board members:

Is there interest in the planning board to use the zoom platform for remote meetings in order to continue to meet if you have at home that is capable of using Zoom.

You need either a tablet, a phone, computer or laptop that has the capability of logging in, a reverse camera if needed (and I believe you can shut off if you don't want people looking at you), the audio is the most important.

please let me know if the planning board is interested in this. I'm working on setting up the Selectmen meeting during this time.

The public would also have this option of logging in and participating, and we can put this log in inform
let me know 1. if there is interest and 2. what you have for capable systems to make this work. than

Thank you,
Danielle



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Matthew Fricker <stickmanfrick@ptd.net>

to Danielle, Glen, Jo, Nichol, Matt, David

Cool idea  ! Janet is actually trying Zoom for a “fiber group” meeting  . We have an iPad th

Thanks 

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Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 20, 2020, at 8:06 AM, Danielle Taylor <dtaylorbaldwin@gmail.com> wrote:

Nichol Ernst <nernst@summitachievement.com>

to Matthew, Danielle, Glen, Jo, Nichol, Matt, David



I am certainly able and willing

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On Mar 20, 2020, at 8:30 AM, Matthew Fricker <stickmanfrick@ptd.net> wrote:

Cool idea  ! Janet is actually trying Zoom for a “fiber group” meeting  . We have an iPad that

Thanks 



Danielle Taylor

Thank you Nichol. Matt Fricker is on board also. will wait to hear from other members and hopefully see



David Strock <dastrock@gmail.com>

to Glen, Jo, Matt, Nichol, Matt, Danielle

Danielle - My answer for the next meeting is no. After that we determine if we need to go this route for someone that this mechanism complies with the open meetings law. If so, can you forward it to me. T



Jim Dolloff <jdolloffbaldwin@yahoo.com>

to Danielle, Glen, Jo, Matt, Nichol, Matt, David

I have a computer with Windows 10

Danielle Taylor <dtaylorbaldwin@gmail.com>

to David, Matt, Matt, Jo, Nichol, Gerry, Dwight, Jim, Debbie, Robyn

See attached from MMA legal.

Thank you,
Danielle

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From: **Legal Services Department** <legal@memun.org>
Date: Fri, Mar 20, 2020 at 11:01 AM
Subject: RE: Baldwin - remote meetings
To: Danielle Taylor <dtaylorbaldwin@gmail.com>

Danielle,

During the state of emergency declared by the Governor, a municipal board or committee subject to the Maine Freedom video, electronic or other similar means of remote participation under certain conditions: (1) notice is still required in accordance with 17 MRSA § 1001, subchapter 1, § 1001-1001.1, § 1001-1001.2, § 1001-1001.3, § 1001-1001.4, § 1001-1001.5, § 1001-1001.6, § 1001-1001.7, § 1001-1001.8, § 1001-1001.9, § 1001-1001.10, § 1001-1001.11, § 1001-1001.12, § 1001-1001.13, § 1001-1001.14, § 1001-1001.15, § 1001-1001.16, § 1001-1001.17, § 1001-1001.18, § 1001-1001.19, § 1001-1001.20, § 1001-1001.21, § 1001-1001.22, § 1001-1001.23, § 1001-1001.24, § 1001-1001.25, § 1001-1001.26, § 1001-1001.27, § 1001-1001.28, § 1001-1001.29, § 1001-1001.30, § 1001-1001.31, § 1001-1001.32, § 1001-1001.33, § 1001-1001.34, § 1001-1001.35, § 1001-1001.36, § 1001-1001.37, § 1001-1001.38, § 1001-1001.39, § 1001-1001.40, § 1001-1001.41, § 1001-1001.42, § 1001-1001.43, § 1001-1001.44, § 1001-1001.45, § 1001-1001.46, § 1001-1001.47, § 1001-1001.48, § 1001-1001.49, § 1001-1001.50, § 1001-1001.51, § 1001-1001.52, § 1001-1001.53, § 1001-1001.54, § 1001-1001.55, § 1001-1001.56, § 1001-1001.57, § 1001-1001.58, § 1001-1001.59, § 1001-1001.60, § 1001-1001.61, § 1001-1001.62, § 1001-1001.63, § 1001-1001.64, § 1001-1001.65, § 1001-1001.66, § 1001-1001.67, § 1001-1001.68, § 1001-1001.69, § 1001-1001.70, § 1001-1001.71, § 1001-1001.72, § 1001-1001.73, § 1001-1001.74, § 1001-1001.75, § 1001-1001.76, § 1001-1001.77, § 1001-1001.78, § 1001-1001.79, § 1001-1001.80, § 1001-1001.81, § 1001-1001.82, § 1001-1001.83, § 1001-1001.84, § 1001-1001.85, § 1001-1001.86, § 1001-1001.87, § 1001-1001.88, § 1001-1001.89, § 1001-1001.90, § 1001-1001.91, § 1001-1001.92, § 1001-1001.93, § 1001-1001.94, § 1001-1001.95, § 1001-1001.96, § 1001-1001.97, § 1001-1001.98, § 1001-1001.99, § 1001-1001.100; (2) notice must be given to every member of the public; (3) notice must be given to every other member; (4) members of the public must be able to hear the board members; and (5) all votes taken during the meeting must be recorded.

For more detailed information, I have attached an update guidance that MMA Legal Services prepared yesterday. **I strongly recommend that the Board proceed with a remote meeting.** There are a number of additional considerations for the Board to weigh that are addressed in the guidance.

Finally, I cannot recommend a specific platform or program for hosting such a remote public meeting because I am unfamiliar with the various platforms and programs available. However, I am aware of several attorneys that recently used Zoom to hold their monthly meeting remotely and apparently they had a good experience and were satisfied with the results.

Please do not hesitate to call or email with any additional questions.

Sincerely,

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From: Danielle Taylor [<mailto:dtaylorbaldwin@gmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 10:34 AM
To: Legal Services Department <legal@memun.org>
Subject: Baldwin - remote meetings

Good morning.

We are researching different options to conduct remote municipal meetings for Selectmen and Planning risk exposure to COVID-19, however the town still wants to move forward with business.

Is it legal to have a municipal meeting remotely and still conduct town business - make decisions and Can it still be public and allow the public to log in and attend/ participate remotely?
we are specifically looking at the Zoom platform.

If MMA legal could respond via email, I can forward to the Selectmen and Planning board members so

thanks you so much

Thank you,
Danielle

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Attachments area



David Strock <dastrock@gmail.com>

to Danielle, Matt, Matt, Jo, Nichol, Gerry, Dwight, Jim, Debbie, Robyn

Perfect. Thank you.

Danielle Taylor <dtaylorbaldwin@gmail.com>

Fri, Mar 20,
10:52 AM

to Glen, Jo, Matt, Nichol, David, Matt, Jim, Gerry, Dwight, Debbie, Robyn

I have an email into MMA legal to clarify the legality of municipal remote meetings.

However I received an email this morning from Southern Maine Planning containing various info regarding municipalities and COVID-19.
please see below their email and attached statute. They address the legality of remote meetings. SMPDC also gives details on the Zoom platform in their email.
Will also forward response from MMA legal when response is received.
let me know your thoughts.

Thank you,
Danielle

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From: **Baldwin Selectmen** <baldwinselectmen@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Mar 20, 2020 at 10:45 AM
Subject: Fwd: SMPDC Assistance through COVID-19
To: Danielle Taylor <dtaylorbaldwin@gmail.com>

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Kelsey Pelton** <KPelton@smpdc.org>
Date: Fri, Mar 20, 2020 at 10:29 AM
Subject: SMPDC Assistance through COVID-19
To:

Dear SMPDC municipalities and partners,

We have all been closely watching the situation of COVID-19 as it continues to evolve. We know the pandemic is impacting communities in many ways, and our thoughts are with you during this challenging time. We believe it is critical to support one another through this; we want to assure you that we are here (in the office and working remotely) to continue to provide technical support and assistance to you.

In the next couple of days we will be updating our website <https://smpdc.org/> to provide the latest information on legislation for municipalities (such as the electronic meeting changes), business assistance and other items which may be helpful as you attempt to navigate these waters, including our map listing the various municipalities' websites with status updates.

As many are practicing safe social distancing by working remotely, or taking time off, we know it can be difficult to keep the wheels of government moving smoothly. There are still many ways to keep communications and meetings rolling virtually!

We can continue by meeting virtually, using Zoom. We are happy to answer any questions about this virtual meeting platform. Please feel free to reach out as we are finding it is an effective tool for keeping in touch. It's easy to set up, even for the technology-challenged! Consider viewing this Youtube video for a demo. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9guqRELB4dg>

SMPDC takes pride in serving our 39 municipalities and we want to reassure you that we will continue to be available for assistance. Please reach out with any needs, concerns, ideas and requests.

Be well,

Paul Schumacher

Paul Schumacher

Executive Director

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Thank you!

Danielle

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Planning Board Agenda - 3/26/20 Meeting

Inbox



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Wed, Mar 18,
10:37 AM

to Josiah, Matthew, nichol, stickmanfrick, Glen, dtaylorbaldwin, ljfeldman

Hi all - While we all take our civic duties seriously and we all would like to have a meeting, given the various emergency declarations and guidance from the state and federal governments, it makes sense to me that we should postpone the next meeting of the planning board. If you disagree, feel free to let me know and if a majority want to hold the meeting and a quorum agree to shown up we can change the information on the town webpage. Thank you.

David

On Mon, Mar 9, 2020, 8:42 AM David Strock <dastrock@gmail.com> wrote:

All -

I do not have anything official on the agenda this week. The Nature's Wilderness CUP has to be pushed until the next meeting in March. I notified Nature's Wilderness. I highly doubt that I will be at the meeting, as I have a work commitment that I could not change.

Thank you.

David Strock, Chair Planning Board



Nichol Ernst <nichol@summitachievement.com>

Wed, Mar 18,
10:41 AM

to David, Josiah, Matthew, nichol@summitachievement.com, Matt, Glen, Danielle, Ijfeldman

I think it is a wise and prudent call.

Nichol Ernst, LCSW

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Lee Jay Feldman <ljfeldman@smpdc.org>

Wed, Mar 18,
10:42 AM

to David, Josiah, Matthew, nichol@summitachievement.com, stickmanfrick@ptd.net, Glen, dtaylorbaldwin

David and Board members,

I will be available to continue to assist you from away if needed. At this time SMPDC has directed staff that we are not to attend any public meetings until this things clears up so anything you need I can assist with however, I will not be attending the meetings

Stay healthy everyone

Regards,

Lee Jay



Matthew Fricker <stickmanfrick@ptd.net>

Wed, Mar 18,
10:48 AM

to David, Josiah, Matthew, nichol, Glen, dtaylorbaldwin, ljfeldman

Agree with idea of postponing. We should heed guidelines for no gatherings on 10 or more -

and a PB Meeting on Nature's Wilderness would likely exceed that. Thanks



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Sent from my iPhone