

Planning Board- Meeting Minutes

Town of Wales

2/21/2023 6:00 PM

Present: Jason Oney (**Jason O.**) *Board Member/Chair*, Danelle LaFlower (**Danelle L.**) – *Board Member*, Sarah Ryan (**Sarah R.**) – *Board Member/Clerk*

Absent Members: *Melanie Oney*

Public Attendance: Nadia Madden (DCR), Doug Dickinson (Sizer Dr.)

Jason O. opens the public meeting at 6:02 PM.

New Business:

****Agenda Item: Approve Language of Floodplain Bylaw/MAPS/Definitions**

Jason O. opened the public hearing at 6:02 PM.

As a participating National Flood Insurance Program community, updating the Flood Maps in the Quinebaug watershed is requirement of the town, in order to remain in the program. The planning board worked closely with two members of the MA Department of Conservation and Recreation to amend the Town of Wales Zoning Bylaws by deleting Section 3.0 Flood Plain District and replacing with a new section 3.0 Floodplain District. (see addendum) Nadia Madden from the MA-DCR was present virtually to offer support to the board by answering any questions from the board or community. The board agreed that an introduction section to the bylaw is not consistent with the format of our zoning bylaws. Doug Dickinson attended the meeting to get information on the updated language and mapping. Mr. Dickinson review the maps where his land is identified with Danelle L. Danelle L. was able to create an overlaying maps showing the differences in the previously approved mapping with the current changes becoming effective June 7, 2023. This is incredibly helpful for residents to get a clearer image of the minimal changes.

Jason O. closes the public hearing at 6:33 P. M.

Motion 022123-01 by Sarah R. to approve the new language of Section III Floodplain District of the Wales Zoning Bylaws with amendments, new/amended language in Section IX: Definitions of the Wales Zoning Bylaws and to accept panels dated June 7, 2023 and accepted panels dated July 16, 2013, seconded by Danelle L., no discussion, all in favor.

Roll Call:	Jason Oney-	Yes
	Sarah L. Ryan-	Yes
	Danelle LaFlower	Yes
	Melanie Oney	Not Present

The board reviews the language of the decision letter. Amendments were made. All three board members sign.

Old Business:

****Agenda Item: Implementation Committee-update**

Danelle L. highlights that the Highway Department provided the committee with feedback regarding questions posed. The committee was still awaiting feedback from Selectman Matchett and/or the Selectboard regarding some questions the committee had.

Review Minutes:

Motion 22123-02 by Danelle L. to accept the minutes from 1/17/23 & 2/7/23 minutes with edits, Seconded by Jason O. No discussion, all in favor.

Roll Call:	Jason Oney-	Yes
	Sarah L. Ryan-	Yes
	Danelle LaFlower	Yes
	Melanie Oney	Not Present

The Planning Boards next meeting will be March 20, 2023 at the Wales Town Offices.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 P.M.