



PLANNING BOARD

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Minutes of May 15, 2023 - Ayer Planning Board Meeting

Location: First Floor Meeting Room, Ayer Town Hall, 1 Main Street

Meeting was recorded and then broadcasted on APAC

Members Present: Jonathan Kranz, Chairman; Ken Diskin, Vice Chairman; Geof Tillotson, Clerk; Julie Murray, and Nathan King

Chairman Kranz called the meeting of the Planning Board to order at 6:15 PM.

General Business

Approve the Agenda

At 6:15 PM Ms. Julie Murray made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Geof Tillotson seconded. No discussion. Unanimous vote to approve. (5-0-0)

Planning Board interview with Mr. Daniel Ruiz

Mr. Daniel Ruiz introduced himself to the Board and gave them a brief background on his work history in both the private and public sector.

The Board took turns asking Mr. Ruiz questions, which Mr. Ruiz answered.

Planning Board interview with Mr. Brian Keating

Mr. Brian Keating introduced himself to the Board and gave them a brief background on his work history.

The Board took turns asking Mr. Keating questions, which Mr. Keating answered.

Discussion and Deliberation for Recommendation to the Town Manager for Appointment of Town Planner

Chairman Kranz stated that he is looking for someone that will not only work well with the Board and applicants but with other employees of Town Hall.

Ms. Julie Murray stated that she has discomfort speaking about each candidate in an open meeting.

Mr. Diskin stated that he was present at the first-round interviews and stated that during that interview, DPW Director, Dan Van Schalkwyk, was present and there were more technical questions during that time, at which one candidate stood out over the other.

The Board discussed the items that were important to them in a new Town Planner including working with other Town Hall Staff, communication skills, and working with and developing the Town Bylaws.

Mr. Diskin and Chairman Kranz, who were in attendance for the first interviews gave their thoughts on each candidate from that first round interview.

The Board members took turns in giving their choice for recommendation.

At 7:36 PM Mr. Geof Tillotson made a motion to recommend Mr. Daniel Ruiz to the Town Manager for the Town Planner position. Ms. Julie Murray seconded. No discussion. Unanimous vote to approve. (5-0-0)

Meeting Adjournment

At 7:39 PM Chairman Kranz made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Heather Hampson, Conservation Agent

Planning Board Approval 6/13/23
Date

Planning Board Chairman (Jonathan Kranz)


