

Meeting of the Planning Board
Tuesday, May 2, 2023

The 24th meeting of the Milton Planning Board for FY2023 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in room 243 of the Milton Public High School.

Present: Planning Board members Meredith Hall (Chair), Cheryl Tougias (Secretary), Sean Fahy, Maggie Oldfield and Jim Davis; Director of Planning and Community Development Tim Czerwienski and Sr. Administrative Clerk Julia Getman.

1. Administrative Items:

On a motion by Mr. Fahy, seconded by Ms. Oldfield, Ms. Tougias was appointed as Secretary of the Planning Board, 5/0/0.

2. Discussion of General and Zoning Bylaws Recodification (Articles 12 & 13)

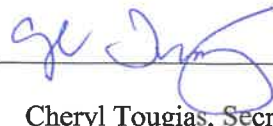
Town Counsel Kevin Freytag mentioned that Town Clerk Susan Galvin would be reopening articles 12 and 13 at Town Meeting (TM) to clarify public hearing language regarding two versions submitted by General Code in January and February of 2023 and to address why they were posted to the Town website separately. It was noted that amendments to zoning bylaws require a 2/3 vote while general bylaws require a simple majority. He said that Ms. Galvin would be allowed to make clerical corrections to the recodified versions once the Attorney General and TM had approved the recodification and emphasized the importance of making the final versions comprehensible to town voters. He said that special permits would be upheld as they were originally written unless a substantive amendment to the permit is requested. He said that special permit renewals would be subject to the new numbering system by General Code, but that the terms of the special permit will remain the same. Timelines for access to the codified versions were discussed. Before exiting the meeting at 7:20 p.m. he introduced his colleague Joe Proctor, who had joined him for the discussions.

Mr. Czerwienski said that he would speak to Article 13 at TM. Ms. Hall suggested that Mr. Freytag's comments on the protection of existing decisions and permits issued pursuant to the recodification process be mentioned "for the record."

3. Discussion of the Sale of Kidder Library by the Select Board (Article 27)

Ms. Oldfield asked whether the Board should take a position on Article 27, the sale of the Kidder library building. Mr. Fahy questioned whether the board has any jurisdiction. Ms. Tougias mentioned that a library trustee had asked several years ago that a member of the Planning Board participate in discussion of alternative uses for the building, currently used as a preschool. She mentioned that the site was once considered to become part of the Brook Rd. overlay zoning in 2018, under the Dover Amendment preschools can be located at sites regardless of zoning, and that several RFPs had been issued for the site. The Board discussed the parameters of what should be addressed within its jurisdiction and agreed that it would be beneficial to hear TM presentations before taking any vote.

4. On a motion by Ms. Oldfield, seconded by Mr. Fahy, the meeting was adjourned to the Town Meeting floor at 7:30 p.m.



Cheryl Tougias, Secretary