



Village of Hyde Park

Monday March 10, 2025

Village Conference Room, Municipal Building
167 Main Street, Hyde Park

PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes

Commissioners: Present: Frederika French, Chair; Peter Gallo; Amy O'Toole; Sue Trainor
Staff Present: Karen Wescom, Village Clerk, Brian Evans-Mongeon, Village Manager
Other: Paul Trudell

Chair French called the meeting to Order at 5:01 PM.

Paul Trudell came to speak to the Commission regarding the current Municipal Zoning and Planning Regulations. As a member of the Development Review Board, he wanted to share a concern that the DRB had in a previous permitting hearing. The DRB had wanted to evaluate certain features of a property in the permitting process, which they did. The applicant's lawyer then objected, asserting that the DRB did not have the authority under the Village's Regulations to address certain reviews. Mr. Trudell would like the Planning Commission to address this provision by modifying the regulations to assert the DRB's authority when such reviews arise in future permitting applications. The PC members thanked him for the information and request and indicated that they would discuss the matter further in evaluation of the regulations.

1. Additions or changes to the Agenda: The Village Manager reported that, earlier in the day, LCPC Staffer Seth Jensen called to indicate that it would not be possible to attend this meeting due to illness. Thus, the agenda items that would require his involvement would be deferred to a later date.
2. Amy O'Toole made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commission's February 6, 2025 meeting. Sue Trainor seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously, with one (1) abstention.
3. Chair's Report: The Chair commented on the planned March 4, 2025 Joint Village and Town Planning Commissions meeting. She thought the meeting went well and was productive.
4. Municipal Plan: GPRs at the end of every chapter needing review. The PC asked the Village Manager to present a revision of the GPR based upon a breakout by Town, Village, and Joint; and then seeing what could be prioritized for the Village and Joint points and then discussed with the Town PC.
5. Other business: The PC decided and recommended to the Trustees that the next Regular meeting of the Village Planning Commission would be held at 5 PM on Wednesday March 26, 2025, just prior to the a Special Meeting of the Village Trustees due to the needed warning for the April 29 Annual Meeting. This would eliminate the need for PC only meeting in April.
6. Sue Trainor made a motion to adjourn at 5:36 PM. Amy O'Toole seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously without abstention.