

Salisbury Planning Commission
Minutes of the September 11, 2023 Meeting – DRAFT

Members present: Ariell Slater, Morgan Cate, Justin Boyer, Deb Brighton

Ariell called the meeting to order slightly after 7 to begin a discussion of the application for a bylaw modernization grant. Members agreed that we would need to be efficient and dedicated so that we could finish the bylaw revision before January 31, 2026—saving the town the local match of \$1,456. The next meeting will focus on mapping out the revisions needed and a plan for accomplishing them. Morgan made a motion, seconded by Justin, to submit the application. The motion was passed unanimously. The select board will be asked to approve the application at its next meeting.

Members discussed a draft letter in support of renovating the Town Hall. Ariell made a motion, seconded by Morgan, to approve the letter. The motion was passed unanimously. Deb will contact Barrie to see if her name should be included.

Minutes of the July 3 meeting were approved by consensus.

Ariell asked about the local implications of the recent dilution of the federal Clean Water Act. No one had enough understanding of the change to hazard a guess. Deb will look into it.

Members discussed options for helping applicants understand the regulations and best practices early in the development process. Justin indicated that Bridport calls for a meeting between the applicant and the planning commission. Charlotte asks for a meeting with the town planner. Perhaps the rewrite of the regulations can include a friendly and helpful pre-application review process in Salisbury. Members agreed to research the options. The process might include a list of considerations or questions that the pre-application review would cover.

Correspondence included reports from the zoning administrator.

The next meeting will be Monday, October 2.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

Submitted by Deb Brighton