

Town of Amherst
Planning Advisory Committee
Minutes

Date: May 4, 2020
Time: 4:30 pm
Location: Virtual Meeting held via Zoom

Members Present Councillor Terry Rhindress
Councillor Darrell Jones
Deputy Mayor Sheila Christie
Citizen Appointee Gordon Goodwin
Citizen Appointee Larry Pardy
Citizen Appointee Ronald Wilson (Chair)

Staff Present Jason MacDonald, Deputy CAO Operations
Andrew Fisher, Manager of Planning & Strategic Initiatives
Natalie LeBlanc, Deputy Clerk
Marc Buske, Building Official
Kim Jones, Town Clerk
Emily Wainwright, Administrative Assistant

1. Call to Order

Chair Ron Wilson called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

1.1 Approval of Agenda

Moved By: Councillor Jones
Seconded By: Councillor Terry Rhindress
That the May 4, 2020 agenda be approved as circulated

Motion Carried

1.2 Approval of Minutes

Moved By: Sheila Christie
Seconded By: Gordon Goodwin
That the minutes of the March 2, 2020 be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried

2. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

The Clerk called for nominations for the position of Chair for the fiscal year 2020/21. Larry Parady nominated Ron Wilson. Following 3 calls for nominations, nominations closed and Ron Wilson was declared the winner by acclamation. The Clerk then called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair. Ron Wilson nominated Gordon Goodwin. After 3 calls and no further nominations Gordon was declared successful for the position of Vice Chair.

3. 1 Park Street - Demolition

3.1 Staff Report

Mr. Buske reviewed his report as included in the agenda package.

3.2 Recommendation

Moved By: Sheila Christie

Seconded By: Gordon Goodwin

That the Planning Advisory Committee order the building at 1 Park Street, Amherst, NS be demolished, complete with the foundation backfilled within 60 days from the date the Planning Advisory Committee make their recommendation, with all work to be completed by the property owner. Furthermore, subject to Section 348 of the Municipal Government Act, failure of the owner to demolish the building could result in the Town completing the ordered demolition and cleanup with all costs incurred by the Town for the demolition and cleanup being added to the property owner's property tax account and / or the owner may be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) and not more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) per day pursuant to Section 348(4) of the Municipal Government Act.

Motion Carried

4. Adjournment

Councillor Jones motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:00p.m.

Ron Wilson, Chair

Kimberlee Jones, Municipal Clerk