

**Town of Hatfield
Planning Board Minutes
November 01, 2023**

Members Present: Chair Stephanie Slys, David Bell, John Jeffress, Jimmy Tarr, Town Planner Janelle Franklin

Attendees: Doug Finn

Chair opens meeting at 6:00 PM

Public Forum

Chair opens public forum.

No public comment.

Chair Slys advocates for moving agenda item number 2 to the beginning of the meeting. David Bell motions to begin with agenda item number 2, seconded by Jimmy Tarr.

Board Discussion

2. Chair Slys invites applicant Douglas Finn to introduce himself. Mr. Finn describes his background working with Town Administration and Planning Boards in the past. David Bell advocates for applicant Eric Bodzinski, a local farmer and USDA Farm Loan Chief. Planning Board will attend Select Board meeting on November 14, 2023 at 5:30 PM at Memorial Town Hall to overview applicants and deliver a recommendation to the Select Board.

Formal Discussion

1. Chair Slys suggests updating date on design guidelines to be current. David Bell addresses concerns with parts of the design guidelines becoming too overbearing. Chair Slys asserts guidelines are primarily a resource to lean on, not rules that must be followed to the letter. Discussion to be moved to meeting on December 6th.

Board Discussion

3. No update. To be addressed at next Planning Board meeting on December 6th.
4. No updates from Assistant Planner Janelle Franklin

Approval of Minutes

John Jeffress makes a motion to approve the minutes from October 4, 2023, Jimmy Tarr seconds. Motion passes.

David Bell makes a motion to adjourn. Jimmy Tarr seconds. Motion passes.

Meeting is adjourned at 6:50 PM

Next Scheduled meeting is December 6, 2023

Submitted by,

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