

APPROVED

**Town of Pownal
Planning Board Minutes
Wednesday, June 15, 2022
Workshop Meeting**

Members Present: Matt Altieri, Jesse Peters, Secretary Christine Watson, Brian Stornelli, Todd Mellin, Marcia Bowen, Orion Breen, Ben Smith with North Star Planning and Recording Secretary: Alison Purinton

Call to Order at: 7:00 pm by Matt Altieri

Matt- I would like to be very brief. I wish we had discussed more thoroughly what we spoke about last month. Starting out will be a big process. I would like to have as much involvement as possible to allow time for people to participate early on. There may be some negative comments and push back. I would rather people be seen and heard. I envision the Conservation Committee, Ordinance Review Committee, Economic Development Review Committee, Facilities, have been suggested. My goal is to make sure everyone is in the right lane. One is to educate all the boards about our process. The second is a better understanding as to what their lanes are. I would like to ask Ben if he would mind putting together a similar presentation.

Ben- I think Matt's idea is a good one. Cluster subdivisions, zoning standards, what else is out there. The goal would be in the few months to get NorthStar's work plan in place so it can be approved by the Select Board.

Marcia- How do we involve the public? I think it is something we can all build on. This group may have experience with subdivisions. What else is out there. Rural character is something everyone wants.

Matt- I want to make sure the public is notified more frequently whether thru mailings, internet, postings, Facebook, etc. I would like to make sure the public knows about every meeting. It is something to work the administration on.

Orion- How do we brand the workshop? How can we incorporate the goals and updated ordinances? Why are we updating the ordinance? How do we preserve space yet allow growth?

Matt- We need to be clear that's it's our goal. This is the frustrating part. Having one on one conversations with neighbors can be a good thing. It allows people to be aware. People need the chance to participate early on, so that those that have concerns can raise them now. The next workshop meeting will be held after our July 20, 2022 meeting. This will allow for members of the public to get home from work then join us if they choose to.

Matt- On a final note, I would like to have a small celebration to thank Jesse for being a valuable board member and his years of service.

Jesse- I will be involved and I am interested in what is going to happen. Please feel free to lean on me.

Adjourn: Matt motioned to adjourn, Christine to second. Meeting adjourned at 7:27pm

Respectively submitted,
Alison Purinton

Planning Board Recording Secretary