

OXFORD PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

MAY 17, 2016

A special meeting of the Oxford Planning Commission was called to order by the chairman, David Baker, on Tuesday, May 17, 2016, at 6:00 p.m., in the meeting room of the Oxford Community Services Building.

Other commission members in attendance were James Reed, Edwin Miller, Bruce Beglin, and Stephen Mroczek. Also in attendance were Town Attorney Brynja Booth and Town Administrator Cheryl Lewis.

The commission began review of Ordinance 1609 - an ordinance to amend the town's existing flood plain ordinance. Administrator Lewis explained that a few changes had been made from the existing flood plain ordinance and that she has been working with FEMA to make some changes to small accessory buildings or pole barns located within the floodplain. Attorney Booth explained that many of the changes that had been made had been done so as a result of FEMA requirements. Administrator Lewis pointed out that the higher the house, the better the flood insurance rates in town. Anyone who underbuilds or doesn't have their house built up high enough to bring it out of the base flood elevation ends up bringing down the whole town in terms of community rating. If the town can improve its community rating, it is possible that individuals paying flood plain insurance could see their policy drop 10-20 percent. This is why the town wants to see a base flood elevation at 3' as that is a very high standard. She added that the flood plain mapping and flood plain ordinance itself were not mapped to the Isabel flood because FEMA didn't consider that typical of the 100 year old flood. Attorney Booth added that it was customary for the Planning Commission to make a recommendation with regards this matter. Mr. Miller made a motion that the proposed Ordinance 1609 was reviewed by the Oxford Planning Commission and that he could see no reason why the commission should not adopt it. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mroczek and unanimously carried with all in favor.

REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY ANNEXION

The Planning Commission looked over the request of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Walker who have a failing sewer system and are requesting to be annexed into town. The annexation ordinance and Oxford Comprehensive Plan make mention that any property wishing to be annexed must abut the town and that the town absorb no cost as a result of the annexation. Mr. Mroczek asked if this property was one of the six properties mentioned in the Oxford Comprehensive Plan as one of the properties that should be considered for annexation. Attorney Booth responded that it was located within the town's growth and that this was an addition to the 6 properties mentioned. Mr. Mroczek made a motion to recommend to the Commissioners acceptance of Resolution 1608 – Walker Annexation for Single Lot to address septic. The motion was seconded by Mr. Miller and unanimously carried with all in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Willoughby
Assistant Clerk