

OXFORD PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 1, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Oxford Planning Commission was called to order by the Chairman, Norman Bell, on Tuesday, November 1, 2022, in the meeting room of the Oxford Community Services Building.

Other commission members in attendance were David Baker, Edwin Miller, Steve Mroczek, Bruce Beglin, and new commission member Lucy Garliauskas. Also in attendance was Town Manager Cheryl Lewis and Town Planner Maria Brophy.

The minutes of the meeting of September 6, 2022, were approved and accepted as distributed.

A discussion, led by Manager Lewis, took place regarding the Town of Oxford's Comprehensive Plan. Lewis introduced the process of updating the Comprehensive Plan, as required by the State every 10 years, understanding that COVID stalled this process for Oxford. This process will involve the commission's review of the plan and editing those components which are either no longer relevant or ones that the commission no longer feels are relevant to the future based on where the town is now. Lewis noted that it was important for the Planning Commission to carefully review Future Land Use Planning to determine if and how the town wants to expand beyond its current incorporated boundary. She provided them with Land Use Planning Maps from the 2010 Oxford Comp Plan, the Water/Sewer Oxford Tier Map, Talbot County planning maps for the area surrounding Oxford, and Chapter 3 of the current plan to start the review. In the coming months individual chapters of the plan will be provided to the members for them to review, discuss and make recommendations. She noted that professionals will be used to assemble text and produce draft maps, and there will be multiple opportunities for public participation including a possible open meeting presentation and future public hearings.

In summary, the commission will be having discussions on the comprehensive plan at their regularly scheduled monthly meetings for the next few months along with workshops, if needed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Willoughby

Assistant Clerk