

**Town of Bethany Beach**  
**Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting**  
**February 18, 2023**

The Bethany Beach Planning and Zoning Commission held a meeting on Saturday, February 18, 2023, at 9:00 am in the Bethany Beach Town Hall Meeting Room.

Present: Mike Boswell (Chair), John Gaughan, Scott Edmonston, Mark Bauernhuber, Diane Fogash, Kathy Shorter, and Susan Frederick (Building Inspector).

Also present: Teresa Tieman (Assistant Town Manager), Andrea Harpster(Town Secretary).

Mr. Boswell called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Mr. Gaughan made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Ms. Fogash, the motion was unanimously approved.

**Discussion/Approval of the Planning and Zoning Commission Minutes of January 21, 2023**

Mr. Gaughan made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Fogash and was unanimously approved.

**Announcements/Comments/Updates**

1. The Non-Residential Design Review Committee met on January 30, 2023, to review an application from the Bethany Beach Fire Department. They were requesting approval of a new electronic LED message sign that will replace the existing sign. There was no quorum but the committee tentatively agreed for it to be approved and finalized at the next meeting.

2. There was a Town Council Meeting held Friday, February 17, 2023. Mr. Edmonston gave the Commission an update. The major order of business was to review and vote on the creation of a continuous and connected pedestrian pathway on Collins St, Kent Avenue and Wellington Parkway. The Town Council voted unanimously to move forward with the expansion of the original 5 ft path so now it will be an 8 ft wide path with a 2 ft buffer within the Towns existing right of way. The path will be from Collins to Kent, with a flashing beacon and crosswalk from Kent Avenue to Wellington Parkway. This is to help get pedestrians safely to the east side of Town.

**Public Comment:**

**New Business:**

No new business

**Old Business:**

A. Discussion of the updated draft Comprehensive Plan

The Comprehensive Plan Subcommittee met on February 8<sup>th</sup> to discuss chapters 9, 10 & 11. They are scheduled for a Zoom Meeting on February 21<sup>st</sup> to meet with the principal planner of the State of Delaware Housing Department. The purpose of this meeting is to see if the principal planner has any strategies or ideas to share about a small community and how to meet their goals. There was a workshop held on February 13<sup>th</sup> with the Town Council and together they reviewed chapters 6-8 of the Comprehensive Plan.

B. Prioritization of the Comprehensive Recommendations

The committee discussed how they would personally prioritize the goals of the Comprehensive Plan and also discussed that it might not be the best option to number them in order of priority. Mr. Boswell believes that you are prioritizing them already by putting them into the plan, if you start numbering them it becomes based on opinion. The commission discussed showing the priorities but not prioritizing them. They will all be summarized and listed throughout the Comprehensive Plan.

The next meeting will be held Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 9:00am at the Bethany Beach Town Hall.

**Adjourn:**

Ms. Fogash made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Gaughan seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 am.

Attested By:

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John Gaughan, Secretary

Respectfully submitted:

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Andrea Harpster, Secretary