



Williamsburg Planning Board

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Minutes for meeting on **February 21, 2023**

Member	Present	Not Present	Member	Present	Not Present
Tariq Abu-Jaber	X		Jean O'Neil	X	
Amy Bisbee	X		Eric Schmitt	R	
Chris Flory		X	Steve Smith	X	
Holly Hendricks	X				
Other attendees: R = remote					

At 7:03 pm Chair Smith called the meeting to order.

1. Vote on prior minutes

Meeting Date	Comments	Motion to Accept	Motion to Accept as Amended	Second	Vote Yea - Nay
1/23/2023	Meeting minutes		Abu-Jaber	Hendricks	5-0; 2 abstentions
2/6/2023	Meeting minutes		O'Neil	Abu-Jaber	6-0; 1 abstention

Committee Liaison reports. Bisbee notes that the ZBA is expecting a consultation with a property owner on a non-conforming lot.

Board chair succession. Chair Smith notes that his two year commitment will be fulfilled in June, and that he will be standing aside as Chair after town meeting, although continuing to serve on the board. Chair Smith noted that perhaps the roles of Planning Board Chair and Comprehensive Planning visioning lead could be filled by two different individuals.



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Comprehensive Planning. Chair Smith noted that the Town Administrator indicated that the Community Compact Grant program might have available funding in the range of \$20,000. Chair Smith to follow up.

Also on the topic of Comprehensive Planning, the board engaged in a vigorous discussion of survey questions and methodology. Some possible survey questions discussed included:

Do you want to allow growth?

How do you want the town to grow?

Should villages be able to grow more dense?

Should the town encourage more affordable housing, and if so, how?

O'Neil suggested that the board could look for a way to graphically illustrate some of the survey questions to the public.

The next meetings are planned for March 6th and the 20th.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Schmitt