

Town of Columbia Annual Planning Board Meeting

January 17, 2024

The Town of Columbia Planning Board held its annual meeting on January 17, 2024 at the Town Building.

Members Present: R. Bayzon, D. Kidder; D. Rubin; B. Warner-Davis

Others Present: Town Clerk Therese Winchester, Rebecca Seamon, Sandy Dievendorf

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairman R. Bayzon.

D. Kidder made a motion seconded by B. Warner-Davis to approve the Town of Columbia's slate of officers recommended by the Planning Board and appointed at the January 11, 2024 organizational meeting of the Town of Columbia Town Board. The motion was unanimously approved. The Board Chair for 2024 is Ronald Bayzon, Vice Chair D. Rubin, Secretary D. Kidder. R. Bayzon was re-appointed to be the Board's Agricultural Representative. D. Kidder was appointed to another five-year term on the Board ending December 2028. Other member term: R. Bayzon '25; B. Warner-Davis '26, D. Rubin '27. Vacancies to be filled are the one year term remaining previously held by R. Fagan and an alternate position.

Members signed the Town's Code of Ethics as required for 2024. Town Clerk Therese Winchester administered the Oath of Office.

Members reviewed the Planning Board's By-Laws. A motion was made by B. Warner-Davis that the Town of Columbia By-Laws of February 2023 remain unchanged, seconded by D. Kidder and approved unanimously.

Planning Board Goals for 2024:

The Board agreed on the following goals to be pursued in 2024:

1. Remain abreast of developments concerning EDF Renewables' proposed Columbia Solar and Storage proposals.
2. Attempt to keep abreast of regional solar energy projects and proposals.
3. To complete revisions to the 2018 Comprehensive Plan.
4. Continue to improve on communication with the Town Board, other town representatives, and the community.
5. Be able to utilize the Town of Columbia's smart board and wifi connections.

Board Discussion: None to report.

Public Comment: None to report.

Chairman Bayzon adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Kidder, Secretary

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