



**Planning Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 19th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
Bristol Town Office**

Committee Members present: Andrea Cox, Patricia Jennings, Benjamin Pendleton, Robert Cushing and Andrew Poland (Alternate)

Also present: Joseph Rose and Jessica Westhaver

Public: None

Absent: Jeff Eilenberg and Jason Lord (Alternate)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Andrea Cox, Chairperson.

Old Business –

- Sign Ordinance Suggestions for presentation to the Selectmen (continued from previous meeting)
 - The Board revisited exactly what the question asked at Town Meeting:

To see if the Town is in favor of the use of Illuminated, Digital Signs in the Town.

- Discussion in regards to Sign Ordinances presented by CEO Joseph Rose, (Boothbay Harbor, Damariscotta, Waldoboro and Wiscasset) as well as the State of Maine, Department of Transportation Statute. The discussion revolved around using wording from all ordinances to piece together the best option for Bristol.
- The Board also discussed using the wording from Bristol's current Shoreland Zoning Ordinance and to change the wording to properly follow our current statutes of no zoning in all other parts of the Town.
- Discussion also was had about adding a paragraph to the Land Use Standards Ordinance. Questions that came up were:
 - Would this conflict with the SZO?
 - If this paragraph is more restrictive, would it supersede the SZO?
 - Does this create a "Zone" for everything outside of SZO?
- The Board also discussed if we should just have a separate Sign Ordinance. The concern with this is Town's that have a specific Sign Ordinance have zoning.
- The discussion went back to the original question: What are the residents of Bristol actually seeking.
 - The board would like more feedback from the public
 - Do we create an online survey?
 - Do we hold a public meeting?
 - Does the public want size restrictions?
 - Is it the type of sign, and what type of sign is not wanted?
- Discussion was tabled for the next meeting. Jess will bring information on the State of Maine's Billboard Law.

- Question regarding using a paragraph in the Land Use Standards Ordinance will be presented to MMA Legal.

House Keeping –

- Contact Jason Lord to remind him of the attendance requirement

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM. The next meeting is to be held on Thursday, November 16th, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Westhaver
Staff Liaison

PLANNING BOARD APPROVED: _____