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ORLEANS PLANNING BOARD

MARCH 28, 2023 – Hybrid Meeting Minutes

A hybrid meeting of the Orleans Planning Board was called to order at 4:00 p.m. from the Nauset Meeting Room at Town Hall. **Present: Chairman:** Debra Oakes; **Vice-Chairman:** Alice Thomason Van Oot; **Clerk:** John Ostman. **Associates:** Maxine Minkoff. **Planning Department Staff:** George Meservey and **Secretary:** Karen Sharpless. **Also Present: Board of Selectmen Liaison:** Mefford Runyon. **Absent: Regular Members:** Richard Hartmann and Chet Crabtree

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments at this point in the meeting.

ORLEANS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Chairperson Oakes described the history behind the current Orleans Comprehensive Plan which was adopted in December 1999, updated in May 2001 and again in October 2006. Oakes stated to an audience of 22 Chairpersons and attendees that much has changed in Orleans and it is time to create a new Orleans Comprehensive Plan with input from various town boards and committees, private organizations and members of the public. It was noted that since the last Orleans Comprehensive Plan update, many aspects of life have changed and need to be addressed. Oakes listed the following nine chapters that need updating:

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| Chapter 4 | Land Use and Growth Management |
| Chapter 5 | Natural Resources |
| Chapter 6 | Economic Development |
| Chapter 7 | Community Facilities and Services |
| Chapter 8 | Health and Human Services |
| Chapter 9 | Transportation |
| Chapter 10 | Affordable Housing |
| Chapter 11 | Open Space & Recreation |
| Chapter 12 | Historic Preservation and Community Character |

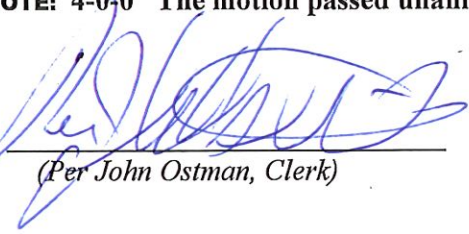
Alice Van Oot and John Ostman presented a PowerPoint entitled, “The Future of Orleans” to describe the anticipated timeline and editing process to be used in moving forward on revisions to the Orleans Comprehensive Plan. Planning Board members noted that after all public input has been received, the Orleans Comprehensive Plan will be updated by the Planning Board, and presented for approval to the Select Board, with a recommendation that it be voted on at a town meeting. Attendees participated in the discussion with questions and suggestions for proceeding with the updates.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: On a motion by **John Ostman**, seconded by **Maxine Minkoff**, the Board voted to adjourn the Planning Board meeting at **5:30 p.m.**

VOTE: 4-0-0 The motion passed unanimously.

SIGNED:



(Per John Ostman, Clerk)

DATE:

4/11/23

LIST OF HANDOUTS:

ORLEANS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

- PowerPoint entitled, "The Future of Orleans"