

**TOWN OF GIBRALTAR  
PLAN COMMISSION  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2020  
GIBRALTAR TOWN CENTER  
7:00 P.M.**

**Call to Order:** Chair Linda Merline called the meeting to order at 8:17 P.M.

**Roll Call / Quorum:** A quorum was present. Members present included: Linda Merline (chair), Brian Hackbarth, Tom Blackwood, Don Freix and Len Adent. Absent: None.

**Proper Notice / Adopt Agenda:** *Motion (Blackwood, Hackbarth) to adopt the agenda as posted. Carried.*

**Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s):** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Plan Commission's 2020 Goals:** Merline asked the commission to think about the goals, which goals each individual commission member could help with, and which goals should be on the next Plan Commission meeting agenda.

Hackbarth feels some of the goals should be pulled out from the list and discussed in more detail, specifically Goal 11 related to the Town's economic needs, for discussion and action. Hackbarth said he would come up with a draft for that goal that the commission can review and send to the Town Board relatively soon.

Merline said she will work on the goals she said she would take on as discussed during the joint meeting with the Town Board.

Hackbarth said anything Parks & Lands needs to know re: tree planting or tree cutting they need to know as soon as possible so they know their next steps.

Merline asked for a commission member to head up the goal of researching the next steps for the 2024 Comprehensive Plan. Don Freix said he would be willing to talk to Ryan Heise of Egg Harbor but doesn't feel experienced enough with the Comprehensive Plan to take the charge on that entire goal.

There was discussion about beginning the process of RFPs for upcoming work on the Comprehensive Plan and gather other options for consultants in addition to Bay Lake. Hackbarth asked if a committee member would be willing to connect with Beth about creating and sending out the RFPs and reporting back to the commission. Merline said that she would talk to Beth.

Hackbarth said the Plan Commission should start looking at the County's Table of Principal Uses for the

whole county. He is concerned about a recent law change (2017) concerning conditional uses and feels the Plan-Commission should take action and begin reviewing the Table of Principal Uses within the Township. Merline reminded the commission they did review and propose changes to Gibraltar's Table of Principal Uses with Bob Kufirin. This table covers only the zoning categories that are exclusive to the Town of Gibraltar. Zoning categories we share with others are listed on the County's general table which we have not yet looked at. There was discussion about continuing this work and taking a look. Hackbarth asked if the commission should consider hiring a consultant to assist us and whether the commission had funds for a consultant. Sara Lancaster will look at the Plan Commission budget to see if they designated funds for consultants.

Merline asked if there was anything else concerning the goals that the commission wanted to talk about. There was none.

Don Freix said he would talk to Ryan Heise of Egg Harbor to get more information about their process for their Comprehensive Plan. Don asked that if any of the other commission members think of questions for Heise to please email him.

#### **Reports**

**Chair Report – None**

**Ground and Surface Water – None**

**Town Board/Parks and Lands – None**

**Set Next Meeting Date:** Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 7 p.m.

**Adjourn:** *Motion (Hackbarth, Freix) to adjourn at 8:29 p.m. Carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Rae Lancaster  
Administrative Assistant