

Town of Starksboro
Planning Commission meeting
Minutes of May 19, 2022
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Board members present: Dennis Casey, Dan Nugent, Jeff Keeney, Denny Barnard, David Schmidt

Unable to attend: Dan Harris, Brad Boss

Others present: Kris Perlee (ZA)

The meeting was called to order to 7:15 p.m. by Chair Dennis Casey. The meeting was in person at the Town Office and via Zoom

Visitor's Business –

Current Business

Approve April 7, 2022 Minutes

Motion to approve with corrections by J. Keeney, 2nd D. Barnard. So voted (5-0)

Discussion of MAUSD Merger Plans

D. Casey stated that a lot has happened since last meeting. The Town voted unanimously to leave the district. The special meeting had one of the largest turnouts for a town meeting. D. Nugent asked what is next step. D. Casey explained that the other 4 towns in the district needed to vote allow Starksboro to leave. This will happen during the August primary. D. Schmidt asked how the updated legislation would impact the process. D. Casey stated that Starksboro should be treated the same as Lincoln by the State. The Save Our School committee will continue to work with the state on process of leaving the district. D. Casey then discussed the merger study group and how they would be meeting with the school boards of both districts.

Zoning Updates

A discussion occurred around mobile home parks in Starksboro. K. Perlee reported that he spoke with his brother who manages water systems all around the state. The only parks that he has seen that have been successful are ones that have become privatized or 55 and over, or both. He couldn't think of any community trust owned parks that are thriving. K. Perlee will reach out to Chris Ouellette from ACCT to see if she would be willing to attend a future meeting.

PC Roundtable

J. Keeney began discussing the ARPA funding group that he is a member of. A discussion around possible infrastructure upgrades the town might look at like water and sewer. There was also a discussion around finding a consultant to help with economic planning. K. Perlee explained that finding a consultant is hard right now and most are booked out a couple of years. J. Keeney will reach out to a consultant he knows to see if she has any ideas or time. A discussion around the Jerusalem schoolhouse and fire station occurred.

Next meeting: **June 9, 2022**

Motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.: D. Nugent moved, J. Keeney second. (So voted 5-0)