

1 **York Planning Board Workshop**
2 Thursday, February 10, 2022; 7:00 P.M.
3 Via Zoom

4 Call to Order; Roll Call; Determination of Quorum; Appointment of Alternates

5 Chair Kathleen Kluger called this joint meeting of the Planning Board and Selectboard to order
6 at 7:00 P.M. A quorum was determined with five people voting: Kathleen Kluger, Vice-chair
7 Wayne Boardman, Board Secretary Gerry Runte, Peter Smith, and Al Cotton. Alternate Ian
8 Shaw was present, but did not vote. Alternate Kenny Churchill was not present. The Selectboard
9 was present for the CAP presentation: Chair Todd Frederick, Vice Chair Robert Palmer, Marilyn
10 McLaughlin, Mike Estes, and Kinley Gregg. From the CivicMoxie consulting team were Susan
11 Silberberg, Annie Street, Jeff Levine, and Lisa Churchill. Planning Director Dylan Smith and
12 Land Use Planner DiCarlo Brown represented Staff. Patience Horton was the recording
13 secretary. Votes were tallied via roll call.

14 **Field Changes**

15 There were no field changes

16 **Public Forum**

17 Chair Kathleen Kluger opened the Public Forum without objection.

18 Janet Drew came forward. She had worked on the utilities section of the Climate Action Plan.
19 There are health problems associated with 5G, she said. Putting wireless facilities “everywhere”
20 is not the answer.

21 Kathleen Kluger closed the Public Forum without objection.

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23 **Presentation—York Climate Action Plan**

24 The Climate Action Plan is an acknowledgment that the climate is changing, but also that the town
25 can take steps to protect itself from the worst effects of climate change. As a result of increased
26 greenhouse gas emissions, sea-level rise, storm surge, rainfall, flooding, and high heat are expected
27 to rise exponentially. Sea-level rise might exceed 1.5 feet by 2050, and storm surge on top of that
28 could result in more than four feet of flooding, impacting York businesses, residences,
29 infrastructure, and tax revenue. The most extreme storms may increase from once every five years
30 to once every two years.

31 The Plan lays out a series of recommended actions in the focus areas of buildings, infrastructure,
32 access to renewable energy, natural resources, mobility, waste & recycling, community resilience
33 & equity, and leadership & capacity.

34 The CAP is the result of a collaboration among the town’s consultant teams CivicMoxie and
35 Climate Advisory, plus over 50 volunteers, civic organizations, Town staff, and others. The public
36 was also invited to participate in reviewing the plan throughout the process, including at
37 four public meetings.

38 York is ahead of every town in Maine in the creation of a Climate Action Plan. The Plan and
39 related information can be found on the Town's website.

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41 After the CAP presentation, the Planning Board members were expecting a conversation with
42 the Selectboard, but the Selectboard was basically silent, though congratulatory, and left the
43 meeting without making comments. This was a surprise to the Planning Board. The Selectboard
44 is usually vocal with questions and critical comments.

45 The Planning Board discussed whether or not the presentation should have been done differently.
46 Was there a weak spot? Were there omissions that should have been discussed? Perhaps
47 Selectboard Chair Todd Frederick and CAP advisor Robert Palmer should be approached
48 individually and asked about the presentation.

49 The next step comes Monday, March 28, when the BOS will have a public hearing and preference
50 vote for the November ballot. During that meeting, there might be another presentation of the
51 CAP, but that has not yet been decided.

52 Motion: Pete Smith moved to accept the York Climate Action Plan as presented tonight by the
53 Climate Action Committee and the CivicMoxie team. Seconded by Al Cotton, the motion
54 passed 5-0.

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56 *Update—Comprehensive Plan Process*

57 Currently, each member of the Comp Plan Steering Committee (CPSC) leads a team that is
58 responsible for processing Strategies and Action Item topics. The individual teams decide and
59 edit what is being kept or changed in the Plan. Work gets circled back and forth with CivicMoxie.
60 They refine the entries and fold them into the Plan. The turnaround time is very quick.

61 CivicMoxie has organized a production schedule.

- 62 • On Tuesday, March 1, the initial review process ends.
- 63 • Throughout March, the Committee will review chapters and make changes that
64 come up in the course of public meetings.
- 65 • On Monday, April 18, at noon, the Committee will view a full draft of the Comp
66 Plan and decide on the final layout and design.
- 67 • On Wednesday, April 20, CivicMoxie will make the final revisions and submit
68 the final plan to CPSC for public review and hearings. It will be in digital form.
- 69 • Before the first of May, there will be a special Planning Board meeting devoted to
70 receiving and discussing the Comp Plan.
- 71 • On Thursday, May 12, the Comp Plan will be formally presented to the public at
72 CompFest.
- 73 • In May, CompFest II will display the Plan at the Community Auditorium and
74 venues at the High School.
- 75 • Wednesday, May 18 is the posting deadline for the first public hearing.
- 76 • Saturday, May 21 is the Town General Referendum.

- 77 • Throughout May and early June, the Steering Committee will be on the road
78 giving public educational seminars about the plan and what it means.
79 • On Thursday, June 23, the Planning Board will host the first public hearing.
80 • In July, the second public hearing will be held.

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82 ***Review—Findings for Fact***

83 There were no Findings for review.

84 ***Minutes***

85 Motion: Al Cotton moved to accept the Minutes of Thursday, January 27, 2022, with
86 corrections. Seconded by Gerry Runte, the motion passed 5-0

87 ***Other Business***

- 88 1) Nomination papers are available at Town Hall for anyone running for an elected
89 position.
- 90 2) It is understood that DB Solar cannot assess the vernal pools on its site until April. They
91 have asked for a 60-day extension of the Findings of Fact and Conditions of Approval.
92 (The original Mylars were signed January 3). If that is not enough time, the Board will
93 allow DB Solar to come in for another 60-day extension. DB Solar has also been
94 delayed by DPW, which has not sent its letter. That is part of the extension request.
- 95 Motion: Al Cotton moved to extend the Findings of Fact and Conditions of Approval for
96 DB Solar York LLC, 53 Major McIntire Road, Map/Lot 0086-0034, for 60 days. Pete
97 Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 5-0.
- 98 3) The next hearing for Long Sands Village, February 24, is a continuation.
99 There will not be another public hearing.
- 100 4) There will be a special Planning Board public hearing February 17. It concerns the
101 proposed ordinance by the Selectboard for Docks in Resource Protection.
- 102 5) The locations (Zoom vs. Library) of Planning Board and public meetings have not been
103 determined by the Town.

104 ***Adjourn*** 8:50 P.M.

105 Respectfully submitted,
106 Patience Horton, Recording Secretary

- 107 • A special Planning Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 17.
108 • The next regular Planning Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 24.