TOWN OF OXFORD PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

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PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 6:00 PM
Main Meeting Room
S.B. Church Memorial Town Hall

The Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Oxford, Connecticut will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 6:00 PM on the following:

<u>Planning & Zoning Commission Public Hearing</u> to opt-out of Public Act 21-29 requirements regarding Accessory Apartments.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Pat Cocchiarella opened the recessed public hearing at 6:09 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL/SEATING OF ALTERNATES

Commission Members present: Robert Carr, Pete Zbras, Pat Cocchiarella, Brett Olbrys, and Ed Rowland.

Alternate Commissioners present: Carl Bouchard, Sara Locke, and Joshua Dykstra.

Commissioners not present: Dan Wall and John Kerwin.

No alternates were seated.

CHAIRMAN OUTLINES THE PUBLIC HEARING PROCEDURES (Done on 11/1/22)

COMMENTS & QUESTIONS FROM THE CHAIRMAN & COMMISSION MEMBERS

COMMENTS & QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Linda Czaplinski, 30 Freeman Road asked questions regarding the reason or reasons why the Commission has decided to amend these regulations.

Chairman Pat Cocchiarella explained that the regulations are part of Public Act 21-29, and this item is one of the items that the Commission believes should be decided on a local level.

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN & COMMISSION MEMBERS

Commissioners discussed various reasons for opting out of this particular part of the requirement set forth in the Public Act. They agreed that additional resources should be available for affordable housing, but that it should be under local control. They also noted that the regulation in the Public Act is too broad, and agreed that they would need to update the current regulations.

Jim Locke, 97 Bower's Hill Road, asked that the Commission consider the demographic and where they are going to build these.

RECESS/CLOSE

MOTION BY Commission Secretary Olbrys to close the Public Hearing at 6:25 PM. Second by Commissioner Rowland.

All (5) Ayes.

Motion to close passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Pennell, Coordinator

Planning & Zoning Commission