



# Town of China

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*Approved by Planning Board by a vote of 5-0 on November 9, 2021*

Planning Board Meeting

Meeting held in portable building and via ZOOM

October 26, 2021

Begin 6:30 PM

Board members in attendance: Randall Downer, Natale Tripodi, Scott Rollins (via ZOOM)

Board members not in attendance: James Wilkens, Toni Wall

Attendees: Brent Chesley, Mary Grow

Code Enforcement Officer Jaime Hanson present

Board meeting opened by Chairman Downer

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Chairman Downer brought Board Member Tripodi into voting capacity.

## **Review/Approve Minutes October 12, 2021 Meeting**

- Board Member Rollins motioned to approve minutes as written.
- Board Member Tripodi seconded motion.
  - Chairman Downer advised he has no additions or correction to the minutes.
  - Chairman Downer further advised CEO Hanson and himself would need to work on writing the finding of fact for the conditional use permit approved at October 12, 2021 meeting. He continued that the minutes adequately represent the discussion. All in favor. No further discussion.

## **Planning Board Chair comments and priorities**

- Chairman Downer advised the Planning Board that this is his last meeting. He states he may return within a year or two. Chairman Downer explained he is originally from Long Island, New York and recently has been back. He further explained that he has watched the island drastically change over 3 generations, with him being the 4<sup>th</sup> generation. He continued that people move to China because they love this place. Chairman Downer explained China is changing rapidly and will continue to do so over the next 10 years. He continued that one of the changes will be the loss of agriculture and the Planning Board will not be able to stop it. He further advised it will fundamentally change the character of the Town of China and he is not sure that people understand that clearly enough.

## **Remote Participation Policy**

- Chairman Downer explained they need to sign the Remote Participation Policy. He continued that Board Member Rollins, Board Member Wall and Board Member Wilkens will need to come into the Town office in order to sign the form. Chairman Downer advised Board Member Tripodi can sign at the meeting.



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## CEO Report

- CEO Hanson explained he will locate the finding of fact template. He continued that condition is bolded in the minutes and will make sure is clear that any changes from the condition submitted will need to come back to the Planning Board.
- CEO Hanson advised he has issued 7 permits in the last 2 weeks. He further advised that he has issued one plumbing permit.
- CEO Hanson explained he has been active on violations. He advised he has had some steps forward with a property on Lakeview Drive for violation tree cutting. He continued the nursery owner has put stakes in the ground for where the larger trees are going to go. CEO Hanson explained there will be 10-14 smaller trees to fill in a 50 X 25 area. He continued that the opening that was created down near the water will be filled in. Chairman Downer inquired if the abutters were notified? CEO Hanson advised the abutters have been notified.
- CEO Hanson advised of a violation on Weeks Mills Road. He continued that he had a conversation with 2 occupants at the home and explained he will be back weekly to check on the removal of the contents of garage. He further explained that there are rodents present in the garage and he has been receiving complaint from 2 houses on the road that are having rodent problems at their place. CEO Hanson advised it will take some time trap and bait them once the garage is cleaned out in order to keep them from other dwellings in the area. He continued that he thinks can fixed without costing the town a lot of money or going to court. He advised the home is in foreclosure.
- CEO Hanson explained he has been very busy on 4 different violations. He advised with 2 he has been writing up administrative inspection warrants because he was denied entry. He continued that he has been meeting with people on a daily basis.
- Chairman Downer explained he is remembering back to a rodent problem on the Neck Road that was awful. CEO Hanson reiterated that it will take some time but the neighbors have been good that he has spoken to. He continued that any movement forward feels good and these are all are old violations, with many of them having been around for at least a full year. CEO Hanson could be back on tract and moving forward in a few years.
- Chairman Downer questioned the status of Fire Road 19. CEO Hanson explained owner and surveyor have contacted him and the surveyor advised he has a month backlog. He explained the surveyor will plot out a drawing about a month from now and could be back to the Planning Board within a month to 6 weeks. Chairman Downer reiterated that it needs to be reapproved. CEO Hanson explained that the Town has guided the work and they are good with the direction it is going.



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Board Member Rollins praised Chairman Downer's service and dedication to the Planning Board and wished him well.

## **Future Schedule and Adjourn**

Next Planning Board Meeting: November 9, 2021

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Board Member Tripodi

Motion seconded by Board Member Rollins

There was no further discussion and the motion to adjourn was unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dawn Kilgore  
Planning Board Secretary