

**TOWN OF COATS
Planning Board
Thursday, January 2, 2025
Official Minutes**

The Town of Coats Planning Board met in regular session on Thursday, January 2nd 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room at Coats Town Hall.

Members Present: Chair Hazel Stephenson, Vice Chair Misty Gil, Lawrence Denning, Mitchell Pope, Don Plessinger, Ally Fouts, Clint Latham

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Mayor Chris Coats

Staff Absent: Kenny Cole (Interim Town Manager)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hazel Stephenson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with a quorum being present.

A. Invocation & Pledge

She then delivered the invocation and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Approval of Agenda

RESOLVED, to approve Agenda.

**MOTION BY: Don Plessinger, SECOND BY: Clint Latham
APPROVED: 6-0, unanimously approved**

C. Approval of Minutes – November 7, 2024

November 7th 2024 minutes would be approved at February meeting due to them not being included in Agenda Packet.

II. Organizational Meeting

A. Oath of Office – Newly Appointed Members

Town Clerk Connie Lassiter swore in members Misty Gil and Don Plessinger.

B. Election of Planning Board Chair and Vice Chair

Don Plessinger nominated Chair Hazel Stephenson and Vice Chair Misty Gil to stay in their positions.

RESOLVED, to keep Chair Hazel Stephenson and Vice Chair Misty Gil.

MOTION BY: Don Plessinger, SECOND BY: Ally Fouts
APPROVED: 6-0, unanimously approved

C. Election of Board of Adjustment Chair and Vice Chair

Chair Stephenson recessed the Planning Board session, opening as Board of Adjustment only for election of officers.

Don Plessinger nominated Ally Fouts as Chair.

Misty Gil nominated to keep Hazel Stephenson Chair and to keep Don Plessinger as Vice Chair.

RESOLVED, to keep Chair Stephenson and Vice Chair Don Plessinger.

MOTION BY: Misty Gil, SECOND BY: Lawrence Denning
APPROVED: 6-0, unanimously approved

Chair Stephenson closed the Board of Adjustment portion of the meeting and reopened as the Planning Board.

III. Future Land Use Plan

Chad Sary presented a slideshow of results from Public Engagement meetings and surveys. Priorities seemed to lay in protecting natural resources, more retail shopping and commercial opportunities, Downtown revitalization, and more greenways, parks, and gathering areas. Mr. Sary also checked in to ensure the Vision Statement still sounded relevant to the Planning Board to which they expressed agreement.

Lastly, he informed the Board of the goals for the future, mentioning the meetings scheduled for March 6th and April 3rd.

Chair Stephenson commented that she was very pleased with the attendance at the Public Workshop the month prior and with the input received.

IV. Development Updates

Chair Stephenson shared that there are no development updates at this time.

V. Public Forum

Chair Stephenson opened the Public Forum. Walter Weeks approached the Board and thanked them for the job that they've done and congratulated members that were sworn in.

RESOLVED, to allow Mitchell Pope to be sworn in.

MOTION BY: Misty Gil SECOND BY: Don Plessinger
APPROVED: 6-0, unanimously approved

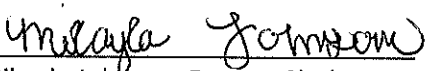
Connie Lassiter swore in new member Mitchell Pope.

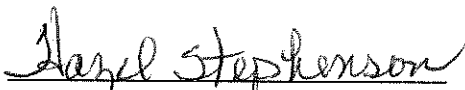
VI. Adjourn

RESOLVED, to adjourn.

MOTION BY: Misty Gil SECOND BY: Clint Latham
APPROVED: 6-0, unanimously approved

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.


Mikayla Johnson
Mikayla Johnson, Deputy Clerk


Hazel Stephenson
Hazel Stephenson, Chair