

THE TOWN OF UNION BRIDGE
PLANNING AND ZONING
COMMISSION MEETING

October 17, 2024

The meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission was called to order by Commission Chairman Tom Long, on Thursday, October 17, 2024, at 6:55 p.m. Notice of the meeting was given by posting the agenda at the Town Hall, on the Town's website and provision to the Carroll County Times. Commission members Tom Long; Logan Grossnickle and Tom Marble were present. Also in attendance Town Attorney, Mandi Porter and Planning and Zoning Consultant, Edmund Cueman. Commission members Ed Williar and Amy Kalin were absent. The attendance sheet is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Chairman Long asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Planning and Zoning minutes for August 15, 2024. Hearing none, Chairman Long stated the minutes will be approved as distributed.

COMMISSION MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

-There were no commission comments.

TOWN ATTORNEY – MANDI PORTER

-Ms. Porter had no new business.

PLANNING AND ZONING CONSULTANT – EDMUND CUEMAN

2024 Union Bridge Comprehensive Plan Review

-Mr. Cueman stated that the Town received an extensive letter from Maryland Department of Planning (MDP) concerning the Union Bridge Plan Amendment (Draft Plan). The Commission also received comments from Carroll and Frederick Counties. Mr. Cueman noted all comments will be considered by the Commission prior to the Commission taking action on the Plan Amendment and recommending it to Council for Adoption.

Potomac Edison-Carroll-Mount Airy 230 kv Transmission Line Rebuild Project

-The Town received a letter dated September 23, 2024, from GIA, on the proposed 230 kv transmission line rebuild project. GIA letter seeks any concerns the Commission may have about the project. No information or detail has been provided as to what the replaced structures will look like and what relationship this may have to the Maryland Piedmont Reliability Project (MPRP) proposed 500kv high voltage over head transmission line project. Mr. Cueman recommended that an acknowledgement letter be sent requesting a copy of plan drawings indicating details of the replacement structures before the Commission can detail any concerns and to inquire about the MPRP relationship, if any. Planning and Zoning Commission agreed to Mr. Cueman's recommendation. Mr. Cueman will draft a letter to GIA and Chairman Long will sign it. A copy of GIA's letter and Mr. Cueman's memorandum report is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

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-No one from Carroll County Planning was in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

-Mr. Will Fries, 4600 Green Valley Road, inquired about the possibility of cannabis growing operations be permitted within the corporate limits of The Town of Union Bridge. The Town Attorney, Mandi Porter informed Mr. Fries that she has been instructed by the Mayor and Council to look into it and she is currently working on it and that if the Town wants to move forward with it, it will involve changing the Town Code and this process will take time.


NEXT MEETING

The next Planning and Zoning meeting will be held on November 21, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Commission member Tom Marble motioned to adjourn the October 17, 2024 Planning and Zoning meeting. Commission member Logan Grossnickle seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted


Dawn Metcalf