

CITY OF LEWISTON  
PLANNING BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES for September 28, 2015

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- I. **ROLL CALL:** The meeting was held in the City Council Chambers on the first floor of City Hall and was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Chairperson, Bruce Damon, chaired the meeting.

**Members in Attendance:** Bruce Damon, Kevin Morissette, Walter Hill, Paul Madore, Pauline Gudas and Michael Marcotte

**Members Absent:** Sandra Marquis

**Associate Member Present:** Normand Anctil and Darcy Reed  
(Darcy arrived at 5:35 p.m.)

**Staff Present:** David Hediger, City Planner and Gildace Arsenault, Director of Planning & Code

- II. **ADJUSTMENT TO THE AGENDA:** None

- III. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None

- IV. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** **None**

- V. **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Darcy Reed was appointed voting member for this item.

- a) Acquisition/Donation of 35 Ellis Street Rear

David Hediger summarized the recommendation.

Michael Marcotte said he was voting no because the City Council already took action and Darcy agreed. Paul Madore asked for clarification as to why this came after the approval and David explained administration forgot and agreed this was unfortunate given past discussion about following process. Walter agreed this was unfortunate, but felt they should move forward with the request. Normand Anctil agreed.

Michael felt this was done with intent and suggested possibly tabling the matter. Darcy felt the Planning Board was disrespected by City Council. Paul felt the Board should not act on this tonight, and thought this should be sent back to the City Council to follow procedure.

Kevin asked when did staff bring this to administration's attention and David said on September 17<sup>th</sup> he asked Ed about the matter. Bruce noted Ed's familiarity with protocol differs from that in Bangor and believes the City Council should reconsider the item and make a request for a recommendation from the Planning Board.

Reference was made to the Comprehensive Plan's mention of the need for transparency.

Darcy was looking for a motion to adjourn and Michael suggested referring the item back to the City Council. Kevin was surprised no one on staff picked up on this and Darcy was also surprised.

Gil suggested Ed made it clear it was an oversight to staff. Darcy noted Ed should have attended the Planning Board meeting.

Paul noted that City Council sees a power struggle with the Planning Board and Darcy noted Ed has no respect for the Planning Board. Paul suggested sending this item back to the City Council to follow procedure accordingly requesting a recommendation from the Planning Board.

The following motion was made:

**MOTION:** by **Paul Madore** that proposed acquisition of 35 Ellis Street Rear be referred back to the City Council for purposes of rescinding their action taken on September 15, 2015 to execute the required documents to accept ownership of the parcel of vacant land located at 35 Ellis Street Rear and for the Council to follow ordinance requirements accordingly by first requesting a recommendation from the Planning Board in accordance with Article VII, Section 3(e) and 4(h) of the Zoning and Land Use Code. Second by **Michael Marcotte**.

**VOTE:** **5-1-1 (Passed)** Walter Hill opposed. Pauline Gudas abstained.

- b) Comprehensive Plan: Review of recommended changes by Planning Board

The Comprehensive Plan was not discussed at this meeting.

- c) Any other business Planning Board Members may have relating to the duties of the Lewiston Planning Board.

**VI. READING OF MINUTES:** Adoption of the August 24, 2015 and September 14, 2015 draft minutes.

No minutes were approved at this meeting.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT:** The following motion was made to adjourn.

**MOTION:** by **Darcy Reed** that this meeting adjourns at 6:15 p.m. Second by **Paul Madore**.

**VOTED:** **5-2 (Passed)**  
**Walter Hill & Pauline Gudas Opposed**

The next regularly scheduled meeting is for Monday, October 26, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Pauline Gudas, Secretary

