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Planning and Zoning Commission Special Meeting  
February 12, 2016  
**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Sally Poundstone, Chairwoman, Scott Lawrence, Peter Shiue and participating via telephone Joseph Fiteni and Rick Tomasetti

**ALSO PRESENT** Robert Nerney, Town Planner, Patricia Sullivan, Asst. Town Counsel, Andrea Preston and a member of the press

**NOTIFIED** Doris Knapp, Franklin Wong and Keith Rodgerson  
**ABSENTEES**

Chairwoman Poundstone called the special meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

Ms. Poundstone explained that the Commission was holding a special meeting for the purpose of filling a vacancy on the Planning and Zoning Commission following the resignation of Lori Bufano on January 19, 2016. Ms. Poundstone explained the process and provided an overview of the meeting purpose, the Commission's responsibilities and overall vetting process and stated that nominations would be accepted from people of all party affiliations including non-affiliated electors.

Chairwoman Poundstone opened the meeting for nominations and requested Andrea Preston be nominated for appointment. The nomination was seconded by Commissioner Lawrence. Ms. Poundstone asked if there were any other nominations. There being none, discussion ensued regarding Ms. Preston's resume and past experience. Ms. Poundstone noted that Ms. Preston currently serves on the Zoning Board of Appeals and is a current member of the Water Pollution Control Authority. Ms. Poundstone referenced Ms. Preston's employment work experience and personal background.

Mr. Tomasetti asked counsel to opine on concerns raised by two members of the Commission. Atty. Sullivan stated that she had a discussion with Valicia Harmon at the Freedom of Information Commission following concerns raised by Mr. Rodgerson and stated that Ms. Harmon felt the Freedom of Information Act requirements had not been violated. Atty. Sullivan further stated that there are no limitations on the number of nominees as well as no restrictions on party affiliation, and that this information was conveyed to all Commissioners. Atty. Sullivan

also stated that the Commission has 30 days to appoint a replacement otherwise the appointment authority reverts to the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Tomasetti opined that the resignation of Ms. Bufano was widely known. Mr. Shiue felt that the Planning and Zoning Commission was better equipped to vet replacement members given their familiarities with the position. Discussion ensued concerning the date of vacancy; noting the position was officially vacated on January 19, 2016. Mr. Lawrence stated that Ms. Preston is a highly qualified candidate, but is open to consideration of any candidate in the future.

There being no further discussion, Chairwoman Poundstone stated that a motion was on the table and called for a vote. Seated members of the Commission voted unanimously to appoint Andrea Preston to serve the remainder of Ms. Bufano's term; consistent with Town Charter specifications. Chairwoman Poundstone reminded Ms. Preston to seek the oath of office from the Town Clerk and read and sign the code of ethics.

Chairwoman Poundstone adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.