

Present: Chairman Michael Orefice, William Starr, Alternate Member Debra Freidus and Land Use Coordinator Polly Redmond
Absent: Lee Hall, Paul Roche and Roland Perreault

1. **OPEN MEETING – ESTABLISH QUORUM.**

Chairman Orefice called the meeting to order. All regular members present are seated with Alternate Member D. Freidus seated for P. Roche.

2. **APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: 1/27/16**

Tabled until the next Planning Commission meeting due to lack of a voting quorum.

3. **REVIEW TAX EXEMPTION APPLICATION FROM TURBOKITS, 271 LITCHFIELD ROAD, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORDINANCE 149.**

After review of Ordinance 149 and review of the Tax Exemption Application, D. Freidus **motioned** that the Planning Commission finds the application to be complete, is in accordance with Ordinance 149 and meets all eligibility requirements of Ordinance 149 and recommends that the Board of Selectmen move forward with the Tax Exemption Application. W. Starr seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

4. **OLD BUSINESS.**

Chairman Orefice questions whether there has been any interest in filling a vacant alternate member position on the Commission. LUC Redmond had received a name from the First Selectman and sent a letter to that person but no reply has been received.

5. **NEW BUSINESS.**

Chairman Orefice informs the Commission that he attended a meeting last week with First Selectman Michael Criss and IWWC Chairman Bruce Burnett for the purpose of having a roundtable on current land use matters. Discussion included topics of the revisions to the Plan of Conservation and Development next due in 2020. Also discussion on the Civic Action Project by Lewis Mills high school students who will be attending Land Use Commission meetings in the future and bringing further discussion on applications and procedures.

6. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

Two students from a Civics Class at Lewis Mills High School are in attendance. Chairman Orefice explains to them what the duties of the Planning Commission are.

LUC Redmond informs the Commission that a Training Workshop with Bruce Hyde, AICP, Center for Land Use Education and Research, UCONN, is being planned for June 20, 2016 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. All Land Use Commissions will be asked to attend. Notices to individual Commission members will be sent out.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE.** None.

8. **INVOICES.** None.

9. **ADJOURN.**

W. Starr **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m., seconded by D. Freidus. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Polly Redmond, Land Use Coordinator

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