

**TOWN OF YARROW POINT
COUNCIL & PLANNING COMMISSION JOINT STUDY SESSION
October 10, 2017
6:00 PM**

The following is a summary of the proceedings and is *not* a verbatim transcript.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Dicker Cahill called the study session to order at 6:02 PM

PRESENT:

Mayor: Dicker Cahill

Councilmembers: Mary Elmore
David Feller
Steve Bush
Andy Valaas
Carl Scandella

Staff: Anastasiya Warhol – Town Clerk Treasurer
Deputy Clerk – Austen Wilcox
Town Planner – Mona Green

Planning Commission: Amy Pellegrini
Tevor Dash
Carl Hellings
Chuck Hirsch

SS 17-03 Tree Code Vision Planning:

Mayor Cahill referenced sections of Tree Code language from City of Clyde Hill and Town of Hunts point to use as reference tools for comparison purposes to Yarrow Point's Tree Code.

Every tree in the Town of Yarrow Point ROW has been tagged. Currently the Tree Code allows the homeowner freedom of liberty on tree removal.

Mayor Cahill stated the Town has heard both sides from residents on the issue of tree preservation and freedom of removal.

Town Planner Mona Green stated at the previous Town Planning Commission meeting that the commissioners determined the subject of trees is broad and requested to hold a joint meeting with Council to discuss where they should focus their research.

The Planning Commissioners and Council discussed threats around tree damage and the imposed liability the Town would hold on tree regulations in private and the ROW sectors.

The Planning Commissioners and Council discussed the action of developers purchasing lots and clear-cutting them.

Mayor Cahill specified the need to listen to the silent majority and the importance of hearing feedback from residents who do not attend public board meetings.

The Planning Commission will research the following aspects of Tree Code:

1. A policy on removing stumps after a tree is cut in the ROW by the Town (*review current Encroachment Agreement code language*)
2. Clear-cutting for developments on private property
3. Create, definable and easy to enforce language

SS 17-04 Buildable Lots:

Councilmember Valaas stated that some lots are now classified as “unbuildable” under the amended zoning code language.

The Council has tasked the Planning Commission to review the revised code language under “*Building Site Requirements*” a second time so that it adequately meets the Town’s intentions.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Commissioner Hirsch moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 pm. Commissioner Dash seconded the motion.

VOTE: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

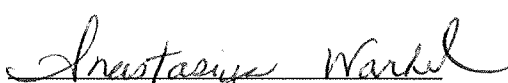
The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 PM.

APPROVED:



 Amy Pellegrini, Chair

ATTEST:



 Anastasiya Warhol, Clerk-Treasurer

