

**TOWN OF YARROW POINT  
PLANNING COMMISSION SPECIAL (TELECONFERENCE) MEETING  
MINUTES  
February 16, 2021**

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

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Carl Hellings Planning Commission Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:06pm

**PRESENT:**

Chairman: Carl Hellings  
Commissioners: Trevor Dash  
Chuck Hirsch  
Jennifer Whittier  
David Feller – Excused absence

Staff: Austen Wilcox – Town Deputy Clerk  
Mona Green – Town Planner

Guests:

Chairman Hellings noted that resident David Feller was appointed by Mayor and Council to fulfill Amy Pellegrini's term due to expire December 31, 2021. Mr. Feller is currently traveling and was not able to make the meeting tonight. The Commission would like to commend Ms. Pellegrini's efforts on the Planning Commission and will talk with Mayor Cahill about a form of recognition for her.

Commissioner Hirsch thanked the Town for plowing the streets over the snowy weekend.

**MINUTES:**

Minutes of January 19, 2021 Special Meeting.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Hirsch moved to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2021 special meeting as presented. Commissioner Dash seconded the motion.

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

**APPEARANCES:**

Chairman Hellings stated that at the February Council meeting, Council requested the opportunity for residents to provide verbal comment at future virtual meetings as a secondary option to submitting written in comments to be included in the record. He opened up the comment period and there were no verbal comments.

Resident Barbara Young at 3615 91<sup>st</sup> Ave NE. provided a written in submission stating that the Planning Commission should have no say in how a property owner is to be governed by the Planning Commission if homeowners choose to cut down their person property

vegetation. She suggests the Town enforce current tree code noting that many trees are not code compliant including hedge heights. She recommends that a private property tree code be a public vote.

### **STAFF REPORTS:**

Town staff gave a report of the January 12 Council meeting:

- ROW projects.
- Approval of 2018 Building Code Update/ Ord No. 709.
- ILA with King County for Road Services.
- Flock license plate camera discussion/ possibility of adding additional units.
- Continued right of way parking location improvements & enforcement.
- Appointment of resident David Feller to Planning Commission to finish Commissioner Pellegrini's term.

### **REGULAR BUSINESS:**

#### **PCAB 21-02** Continued tree code discussion

The Commission reviewed an estimate private property tree inventory table that Chairman Hellings, Mayor, and staff created that was requested by the Commission at their regular January meeting.

The Planning Commission discussed the following:

- Possibility to begin hedge code discussion.
- Preserving the look and environment of the community.
- Creating a potential tree fund contribution requirement for tree cutting.
- Permitting.
- Views: Maintaining vs. blocking.
- Minimum tree density. The Commission debated the number of trees that could potentially be required to be replanted for a clear-cut lot based upon square footages. Prior to making any agreements, the Commission would like the input from Commissioners Whittier- (who left the meeting mid-way through) and David Feller.
- Commissioner Dash suggested creating a poll to ask residents if they believe the Town should create a private property tree code.

Commissioner Dash stated that he does not believe the Town should impose a private property tree code and requested that this be included in the record.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

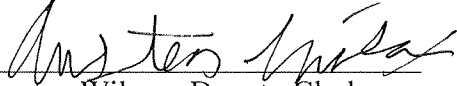
**MOTION:** Commissioner Hirsch moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:46pm. Commissioner Dash seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** 3 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

APPROVED:

  
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Carl Hellings, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
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Austen Wilcox, Deputy Clerk

