

**City of Hallowell
Planning Board Meeting
City Council Chamber
January 17, 2024
6:30 pm**

1. Call to Order

Ms. Feinstein called the meeting to order.

Before the meeting started, Councilor Obery thanked the members of the Board for their service while she was Chair.

2. Roll Call / Quorum

Ms. Feinstein took the roll call and established a quorum.

Present: Judith Feinstein (Vice-Chair), Richard Bostwick, Darryl Brown, Andrew Landry, Melvin Morrison, Lisa Rigoulot, Matthew Rolnick, Richard Seymour (1st alt.), Keith Taylor (2nd alt.)
Councilor Danielle Obery; Daniel Kelley, Deputy City Clerk

Absent: Matthew Rolnick

Mr. Seymour will be voting; Mr. Taylor will not be voting.

3. Public Comments (The Board has agreed to limit the time allotted to Public Comment to fifteen minutes.)

None.

4. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Ms. Feinstein noted that nominations have traditionally been informal. She said that she was willing to serve as Chair for the coming year. Mr. Landry said that he was willing to serve as Vice-Chair. There were no other nominations.

Motion to close the nominations.

Moved: Morrison Seconded: Seymour Unanimously approved

Motion to elect Judy Feinstein as Chair and Andrew Landry as Vice-Chair..

Moved: Brown Seconded: Bostwick Unanimously approved

The Board members welcomed new alternate member Keith Tayler.

5. Approval of Minutes of the November 15, 2023 Planning Board Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2023 meeting as presented.

Moved: Brown Seconded: Bostwick Unanimously approved

6. Public Hearing Continued: Conditional Use Permit Application for Audacity Zone Development LLC, 21 Pinnacle Drive, Map 18 Lot 33

There was no representative for Audacity Zone Development present. There were no members of the Public present to speak on the application. There was general discussion about the absence of a representative, how long the application could be continued, whether the applicant had the ability to complete the project, and when the Board can require performance bonds. Ms. Feinstein noted that the Mayor has received inquiries about the application and that the City Manager has been in contact with the applicant and has asked them to

have a representative at the Board's February meeting. The Board discussed whether to continue the application or deny it.

Motion to continue the public hearing and the application to February 21, 2024, and direct the City Manager to inform the applicant that the Board will either act on the application or dismiss it.

Moved: Bostwick

Seconded: Seymour

Unanimously approved

7. Other Business

Ms. Feinstein informed the Board that she participated in a Maine Municipal Association on-line seminar on cannabis statutes and has provided the seminar materials to the Board members by email. There was a brief discussion of asking the City Council to place a moratorium on any new cannabis-related facilities until the ordinance has been reviewed and amended. The Board agreed by consensus to support such a request.

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Brown

Seconded: Seymour

Unanimously approved

Accepted as Presented on February 21, 2024, by a vote of 7 Yea to 0 Nay.

Attested:

S/

Judith Feinstein, Chair
