

GEORGIA PLANNING COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES Special Meeting, July 21, 2020

Board Members Present: Suzanna Brown, Greg Drew, Emily Johnson, and Tony Heinlein.
Board Members Absent: David Vincent, Maurice Fitzgerald, and Edward Simon.

Staff Present: Lary Martell, Planning Coordinator and Cindy Deyak, Zoning Administrator.

Others Present: Catherine Dimitruk, Executive Director, Northwest Regional Planning Commission.

Planning Commission Chair Suzanna Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

No Public Hearing:

The Town of Georgia is developing comprehensive amendments to the Unified Development Regulations. The comprehensive amendments have been delayed due to Vermont's COVID-19 State of Emergency declaration. To protect public health, safety, and general welfare and provide for orderly physical and economic growth the Planning Commission has begun the process of creating an interim bylaw amendment, to be presented to the Selectboard for consideration. The planning commission requested the presence of Catherine Dimitruk, Executive Director, Northwest Regional Planning Commission, to assist in the process.

Catherine Dimitruk gave an overview of the process involved to create an interim bylaws amendment and place them into effect.

There was general discussion about the overall process, and the areas of the current regulations and zoning districts that would be affected within the proposed interim bylaw agreement.

Following the discussions, the planning commission asked staff to provide a draft Interim Bylaw Agreement. to be reviewed at the July 28th meeting and presented to the Selectboard for their review and possible approval.

Following discussions of the proposed interim bylaw amendment the PC began the working on the rewrite of the Development Regulations.

Cindy Deyak provided a list of possible additions to the rewrite which the PC had previously discussed and tabled.

There was general discussion of each item. Catherine Dimitruk remained at the meeting, Catherine's knowledge and experience was helpful and appreciated.

Selectboard Concerns: proposed interim bylaw agreement to be submitted to the Selectboard for consideration and possible approval.

Next meeting: July 28, 2020.

(The meeting will be a working meeting with no public hearings scheduled.)

Greg Drew moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 p.m Emily Johnson seconded; Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Lary Martell, Planning Coordinator