

**Charleston Town Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes for Public Meeting on June 24, 2021**

Members Attending:

John Kellogg, Chair
Hap Eliason, Member (by phone)
Peter Moskovites, ExOfficio
Pat Austin, Ex Officio
Larry Young, Ex Officio

Members Unable to Attend:

Eleanor Leger, Member
Blair Moulton, Clerk
Carmen Murray, Member

Also Attending:

Colleen Kellogg, Assistant Town Clerk
Holly Bull, Echo Lake Resident
Peter Engels, Echo Lake Resident

The meeting, held in-person as well as by video and telephone, was called to order at 5:30 pm by Chair John Kellogg. Minutes of the March 11, 2021 Planning Commission meeting were read. A motion was made by Peter Moskovites to accept the minutes and seconded by Larry Young. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kellogg asked that other items on the agenda be tabled in order to hear from Echo Lake residents Holly Bull and Peter Engels who has previously requested to bring an item before the Planning Commission. Mr. Kellogg invited Ms. Bull and Mr. Engels to speak. They explained they were here representing the Echo Lake Protective Association with the aim of securing support from the Town Planning Commission to have Echo Lake reclassified from its current B2 status (good/better than good) to A1 status (excellent) so it can qualify for state support to keep the lake healthy. The Echo Lake's B2 status is a default status automatically assigned by the state until actual data is gathered by the state on a specific lake. If Echo Lake can be reclassified as A1, it will then become eligible for state funding designed to preserve the status of A1 lakes in the state. Ms. Bull and Mr. Engels said that certain restrictions on current residents and on future development are put in place by the state when a lake is granted A1 status.

After a period of questions and discussion, it was agreed that this was generally a good idea but it was important to be sure that a strong majority of Echo Lake residents were in agreement with having the lake reclassified given that they would be most impacted by the required state restrictions. Ms. Bull and Mr. Engels said they would talk with Lake Association members at their July 17th meeting to arrive at a credible way of expressing strong support from Echo Lake residents and share that with the Planning Commission.

Seeing that this one item used the Planning Commission's full meeting time, Mr. Kellogg asked for a motion to adjourn which was made by Larry Young and seconded by Hap Eliason. The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 pm. The next meeting of the Planning Commission will be held at 5:30 pm on September 23, 2021 and will be held in-person as well as virtually by video and telephone.

Minutes Accepted on September 23, 2021 by:

John Kellogg, Chair

Blair Moulton, Clerk