

**Planning Commission Minutes**  
Thursday December 16, 2021 – 7:00 PM  
Old Academy Building  
315 Main Street  
Odessa, DE

Those present at 7:00 pm

- Carole Coleman
- Ed Pollard
- Connie Miller
- David Sydnor
  
- William Russell, Wye Realty
- William Miller
- Town Secretary, Barbara Roberts

I. Meeting called to order – 7:04 pm

II. Approval of Minutes

a. Minutes from 11-18-21

**MOTION BY ED POLLARD, SECONDED BY CONNIE MILLER TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 18, 2021 AS WRITTEN**

**MOTION CARRIED. VOTE 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTAIN**

III. New Business

- There was a brief discussion about the meeting on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> at the Odessa Fire Co. concerning flooding on Rt. 299 & Corbit Rd. One of the proposals is warning signage alerting drivers of flooded roads. There was also a discussion concerning the increase in traffic in a few years from the new high school drivers.

IV. Old Business

a. Continued: Update to Comprehensive Plan

- The Commission reviewed the entire document for changes and updates that might be required. The following is brief synopsis of those discussions and changes.
  - Dates, Council & Commission members need to be updated.
  - There are graphs, (ie: census information) throughout the document that will require the assistance of the State Planning, New Castle County, WILMAPCO and the University of Delaware.
  - WILMAPCO does not have grant funding for the printing of the new plan but may be able to assistance us with statistics pertaining to the Town.
  - Utilities will need to include Artesian Water Company.
  - Public Safety, there are no longer dry hydrants in Town and the fire company does not pump water from the creek now.

- Questions concerning the school district will be directed to the school district superintendent.
- Additional research needs to be conducted on what alternative routes were planned for the school district
- Commissioners will review The Town of Townsends draft of their comprehensive plan.
- The section on the museum district will be forwarded to Historic Odessa Foundation for any changes or additions
- Everyone was reminded that on Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 7:30 there will be a meeting of the Southern New Castle County Master plan at the Middletown Fire company, since there might be sections of this plan that effect Odessa, commission members were encouraged to attend.  
The next planning meeting will concentrate on the Odessa Commons property and a brief update on the changes made to the comprehensive plan to-date.
- Mr. Russell for forward DELDOT minutes and other business park information to the Town.

V. Adjournment

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday January 20, 2022 at 7:00 pm

**MOTION BY ED POLLARD, SECONDED BY CONNIE MILLER TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:25 PM.**

**MOTION CARRIED. VOTE 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTAIN**