



**Town of Troy  
Planning Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday February 7, 2024**

**Members Present:**

**Steve Sawyer (Vice Chair), Richard HKS Thackston (Secretary), Kyle Smith, Matthew Meacham, Curtis Hopkins (Select Board Representative), Jack Gettens (Alternate Member).**

**Members Absent:**

**Henry Underwood (Chairman), Michael Leclerc.**

**Planning Board Consultant:**

**Carol Ogilvie (Via Zoom).**

**Public Present:**

**Selectman TJ Chasse**

**Planning Board Clerk:**

**Elizabeth Watson.**

1       **Call to Order**

2       Vice Chairman Sawyer called the meeting to order at **7:00pm.**

3       **New Business**

4       Draft Meeting Minutes for January 3, 2024 & January 17, 2024.

5       **MOTION** to approve the meeting minutes from January 3, 2024 and January 17, 2024, Mr.  
6       Thackston. **SECOND** by Selectman Hopkins. All members of the board voted in favor of this  
7       motion.

8       The Planning Board discussed the appointment of a Southwest regional Planning Commission  
9       commissioner.

10      The Planning Board discussed the write up for the annual town report and will discuss it further  
11      during the next meeting.

12      **Correspondence**

13      There was no correspondence to review.

14      **Old Business**

15      The Planning Board discussed the Master Plan Survey. The Board received two complaint  
16      letters regarding the survey attached. Mr. Thackston read out the first letter, see attachment #1.

17      The Planning Board discussed this letter.

18 Mr. Thackston pointed out that this letter was not signed.  
19 Mr. Sawyer believes this letter to be divisive.  
20 Mr. Thackston thanked the writer of this letter for their opinion but since the letter has not been  
21 signed, does not think the Planning Board should review it.  
22 Mr. Sawyer stated that a lot of the information provided in this letter is incorrect. Mr. Sawyer  
23 goes on saying that Mr. Gettens was appointed as a voting member of the Planning Board by  
24 Chairman Underwood during the meeting that is referenced in this letter. Mr. Sawyer continues  
25 to explain that everything that the Planning Board discusses is discussed during a Planning  
26 Board meeting.  
27 Mr. Gettens went over the letter briefly. In paragraph two, the writer states that Mr. Gettens  
28 and Mr. Leclerc wrote the survey without the supervision of the Planning Board. Mr. Gettens  
29 explains that this is incorrect and the live streams from Facebook will show the Planning Board  
30 reviewing the drafted survey together.  
31 In paragraph three the writer states that this survey is biased, favoring the Planning Board  
32 Mobile Home Parks and the Water and Sewer Department. Mr. Gettens feels that this is not a  
33 biased survey and does not see any bias toward the mobile home parks or the water and sewer  
34 department and states that the intent is to not have a biased survey.  
35 Mr. Gettens skipped over paragraph three as it did not pertain to him.  
36 In paragraph five the writer states that during a Planning Board meeting Mr. Gettens provided  
37 the board with a false report for the solar ordinance. Mr. Gettens stated that the two columns  
38 in the report that the letter references were generated to show the amount of power that could  
39 be generated. Mr. Gettens goes on saying that these were rough estimates and were later taken  
40 out.  
41 Mr. Smith references letter two, "What does rating the town offices and officials have to do  
42 with the Master Plan?" and answers by reading nine of the 2007 Master Plan "Community  
43 facility goals and objectives, 1. Ensure effective and efficient maintenance of town property,  
44 facilities, and equipment. 2. Ensure effective and efficient operations of Town administration,  
45 infrastructure, and services, including the ability to modernize or otherwise adapt to changing  
46 conditions. 3. Ensure the availability of services and benefits of other organizations and  
47 agencies to Troy residents." Mr. Smith states that the wording of this question may need to  
48 change, the intention of the survey is not to try and fix what may be wrong with the towns  
49 departments to help with sections of the master plan that include those departments. Mr.  
50 Hopkins suggested using the wording from the 2007 Master Plan. The Planning board  
51 discussed this. Mr. Sawyer does not believe that these two letters are constructive but rather  
52 they are divisive.

53 Mr. Thackston read out the second letter, see attachment #2. The Planning Board discussed  
54 this letter.

55 Mr. Thackston compared the two letters, saying that in the second letter there were no personal  
56 attacks, and the criticism was more constructive than the last letter read. The Planning Board  
57 discussed improving the wording on question fifteen of the Master Plan survey.  
58 In paragraph five, Ms. Chasse asked what neighboring towns the Planning Board was  
59 referencing in the survey. Mr. Gettens stated that these were the goals from the 2007 Master  
60 Plan that can be found on the Planning Board section of the Town of Troy website under  
61 “Master Plan Update”.  
62 Mr. Hopkins would like to see what other responses the Planning Board has received for the  
63 survey at the next Planning Board meeting. The Planning Board discussed this further.

64 **2024 Work Program**

65 There were no work program updates.

66 **Selectmen’s Update**

67 Selectman Hopkins gave an update from the Board of Selectman.

68 **Next Meeting and Agenda: malicious.21, 2024.**

69 **Adjournment**

70 **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Thackston. **SECOND** by Mr. Meacham. All members  
71 of the board voted in favor of this motion.

72 The meeting was adjourned at **8:26pm.**

Respectfully Submitted By,  
Elizabeth Watson,  
Administrative Assistant.