

**TOWN OF WOODFORD
WOODFORD TOWN HALL
PLANNING BOARD MINUTES (Unapproved)
September 13, 2021**

Members Present: Susan Wright-Chair, Chuck Suss Ed Shea, John Dovitski

Also Present: Janet Saddler (Clerk)

1. Susan called the meeting to order at 5:27PM

2. **Agenda Adjustments:** There were no agenda adjustments.

3. **Public Comments:** No public comments.

4. **Approval of Minutes (7/12/2021)** Ed made a motion to approve the minutes as presented with a 2nd from John. All in favor, **motion carries.**

5. **Other Business:** Susan informed the Board that she had received a Memorandum from the State concerning the 2021 Legislative Revisions affecting Planning and Revitalization. She stated that two revisions affected Woodford. Act 4-S.14 "An act relating to deed restrictions and housing density". She further explained that this Act was intended to correct Act 179 that placed unintended limitations, covenants and deed restrictions for accessory dwellings and small lot development. The above can no longer be prohibited under the change retroactive to January 1, 2021.

In addition, there is a pending bill potentially affecting Woodford. S.79 "An Act relating to improving rental housing health and safety". This Act if passed Susan explained, would establish a Statewide rental housing registry under the authority of DHCD who would then create an inspection system for rental housing and short-term rentals. Registration of rentals would be required annually.

6. **Adjourn:** Chuck made a motion to adjourn at 5:37PM with a 2nd from Susan. All in favor, **motion carries.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Saddler, Board Clerk