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Hello All,

This is about the April 9 Planning Board meeting. At that meeting, Brian reported that I told him there never was a vote on any of the provisions of the proposed new zoning law. Brian suggested that was misinformation and asked you all if you had "voted."

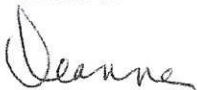
I did tell him that there had been no votes. That is correct. For there to be a "vote" of the Planning Board, specific information must appear in the minutes showing the subject matter, which members voted and how they voted. Otherwise, what has occurred at the meeting is just a discussion of the positions of the individual members of the Board.

The minutes of the Planning Board for the entire year 2024 show only a single vote of the members on any subject. That single vote is recorded in the minutes of the October 9, 2024 meeting which shows a vote on a motion by Jeff Nixon and seconded by Mary Kehl to refer the proposed zoning law to the Town Board for review. As required by law in New York State, the vote of each member of the Board is recorded in the minutes.

You can check out the 2024 minutes. Carol has posted them on the website.

The requirements for recording a vote by the members of a town planning board, if any vote occurs, are set out in the New York Open Meetings Law, Public Officers Law, Article 7. The minutes must include "a record of motions, proposals, resolutions and any other matter formally voted upon and the vote thereon" by each member.

Cheers!



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