

**Special Joint Meeting of  
Planning Board and Zoning Board of Review  
Woonsocket, Rhode Island  
Public Hearing January 16, 2024 6:30 P.M.  
Woonsocket Education Center, Room 308, 115 Main Street**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Finlay called the meeting to order at 6:01PM

**II. ATTENDANCE REVIEW**

Members Present:       Kenneth Finlay, Chair  
                              Wendell Gardner, Vice-Chair  
                              Barbara Scanlon, Secretary  
                              Radames Figueroa, Member

Members Absent:       Jon Pratt, Member

In Attendance:   Michael Debrousse, Director of Planning and Development, Zoning Board of Review,  
                          Joseph Rollins Zoning Official and ADA Officer, Peter Carnevale Interim Zoning  
                          Officer

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

A. SUMMARY OF WORKSHOP HELD ON DECEMBER 19, 2023 AND RELEVANT UPDATES

Jonas Bruggemann provided a thorough review of the slideshow that was presented at the previous meeting. Mr. Bruggemann and Joseph Rollins updated both boards on the status of the changes. Many items require further legal discussion or City Council adoption, both are in the works.

**IV. OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS**

- a. ZONING BOARD OF REVIEW AND PLANNING BOARD WORKSHOP ON AMENDMENTS TO RIGL REGARDING VARIOUS ASPECTS OF ZONING, PLANNING, AND PERMITTING STATUTES  
Mr. Bruggemann discussed development plan review, land develop projects, subdivisions, and unified development review. Existing ordinances are not in compliance while there are many items that can be essentially copied and pasted right into the ordinance. There are a number of discretionary items that will take more time for research and discussion. Mr. Rollins discussed inclusionary zoning which is an optional part of the legislation.

**V. UPCOMING MEETING: Tuesday, February 6, 2024 – 6PM**