

**TOWN OF LA CONNER
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
MAY 3, 2016**

The Planning Commission meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present were Commissioners Mary Wohleb, Marna Hanneman, Bob Skeele and Administrator John Doyle.

OPENING COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hanneman attended the NW Planners Critical Areas forum and found it very interesting. She will give a brief presentation at the next planning commission meeting.

Commissioner Wohleb commented a number of waste cans are missing from public areas and garbage is being scattered around. Mr. Doyle will discuss this with Brian Lease.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Hanneman moved to approve the minutes of April 5, 2016. Seconded by Commissioner Skeele. Motion carried 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

- *Review draft code language addressing standards for rain barrels in the historic district*

Mr. Doyle presented revised language relating to rain barrels and flood insurance. Based on the commission's recommendations at the last meeting the rain barrel provisions have been modified. FEMA is requiring the flood amendments for accessory structures and recreational vehicles. Mr. Doyle sent them a letter strongly objecting to the changes, and Burlington and Mount Vernon also signed on in support. FEMA's response was that the standards must be updated if the town wants to remain in the NFIP.

Staff will begin the code amendment process and schedule public hearings before the planning commission and town council.

With no further business Commissioner Wohleb moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Skeele. Motion carried.

Chair Linda Talman

Date