

**Mexico Planning Board  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Held October 6, 2025 at the Town Hall  
Commencing at 6:30 P.M.**

**Present:** Nancy Weber, Chairwoman  
Karen Davies-Buckley, Counselor  
Bonnie Loforte, Counselor  
Gary Toth, Counselor  
Allison Trudell, Counselor  
Graham Seiter, Town Attorney  
Nicole Wild, Town Clerk  
**Absent:** Ron Marsden, Code Enforcement Officer

And 1 in the audience.

Chairwoman Weber called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:30pm.

Review of minutes: Weber will wait to approve minutes until the November monthly meeting. Bonnie, Allison, all ayes.

**Old Business-none**

**New Business**

Meeting Dates- Weber said the group needs to state their yearly meeting schedule to stipulate that if the regular monthly meeting falls on a federal holiday, the board will automatically meet the following Wednesday at 6:30 at the Town Hall. The board members were all in agreement.

Floating Industrial Zone - Seiter explained the purpose of law having a Floating Industrial Zone. Seiter said the board should review this section of the law and pay close attention to uses and application language for mines and/or reclaimed mines. Seiter said his opinion is that a mine is not a proper use for setting up a floating industrial zone, partly because it involves no actual workforce or industry that creates jobs. Seiter said his office did send letters of concern to the DEC regarding the potential mine's proximity to the aquifer. Seiter said that DEC approval is not enough to move ahead with the project. Seiter said the applicant will need a permit through a use variance application or to formally ask the town to establish a Floating Industrial Zone. Seiter said the project still needs site plan approval; the planning board will hear the matter but the Town Board has ultimate decision-making power. Seiter said the minimum requirement for a floating industrial zone is 10 contiguous acres.

Toth asked about the footprint of the mine and whether or not it would be considered a reclamation. Seiter said the property was mined at one point in time but it was never permitted at the Town or DEC levels. Seiter said that it is not technically a "reclamation" because it was

never legally a mine. Trudell asked what happens so the zone if/when the mine closes. Seiter said an answer would require more thorough review of the law.

Zoning Map – Trudell said she will work with the committee members to schedule a meeting. Weber said the use charts are not part of the Comprehensive Plan but the map is and noted issues with home businesses. The board discussed need for a city planner for the town.

Seiter left the meeting at 7:30pm.

### **Other Business**

The next meeting will be held November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 at the Town Hall.

A motion was made by Councilor Loforte and seconded by Councilor Trudell to adjourn at 7:32pm. The motion was approved by a vote of 5 ayes: Weber, Davies-Buckley, Loforte, Toth, Trudell, and 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Nicole Wild", written in a cursive style.

Nicole Wild  
Town Clerk