



TOWN OF ST. JOHNSBURY

Planning Commission
St. Johnsbury, VT 05819
Tuesday, February 19, 2019
6:00 pm,
Public hearing
Welcome Center – 51 Depot Square

DRAFT/UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Members Present: Jim Brown, Chair_X_ Ben Copans, Vice Chair_X_ Ed Behr_X_
Bud Stevens _____ Lawrence Dolan_X_ Open _____ Open _____

1. Convene public hearing. The Chair, Jim Brown, convened the public hearing to order at 6:04 pm; he stated there was a quorum so official business could be conducted when appropriate; two members of the public were present – Bob Swartz and Stephen Robertson; and two town employees were present - Joe Kasprzak and Paul Berlejung. Maurice Chaloux came later.
2. The chair explained there were two items on the agenda; two additions to the conditional use permits in Industrial Districts and the expansion of the Design Control District.
3. The chair brought up the additions to the Industrial districts in the bylaws. He explained the additions were funeral homes and residences associated with a business. The chair asked for any questions, comments or requests from the public and there were none. A motion was made by Larry Dolan and seconded by Ed Behr “To amend section 313 of the zoning bylaws to include as permitted upon issuance of a conditional use permit ‘funeral home’ and ‘residence associated with a business.’” The chair asked was there any discussion and there was none. Passed unanimously by Brown, Copans, Behr and Dolan.
4. The chair brought up the proposed amendment to expand the Design Control District (DCD) at section 316.3 of the bylaws and explained in depth what was being done. The chair asked for and questions, comments or requests from the public and there were none. Joe Kasprzak explained the reasons for the changes to the DCD. Bob Swartz, chair of the Design Advisory Committee (DAC), noted that the DAC approved of the change. A motion was made by Larry Dolan and seconded by Ed Behr “To amend section 316.3 to expand the current boundaries of the Design Control District to include everything in the existing Designated Downtown Development District plus additional properties proposed to be included in an expanded Downtown Development District as shown on the map entitled Proposed Design Control District dated 1/27/2019.” The chair asked if there was any discussion and there was none. Passed unanimously by Brown, Copans, Behr and Dolan.
5. The chair said he would entertain a motion to send the two amendments to the select board for adoption. Larry Dolan moved “The two amendments to the bylaws be presented to the select board in an executive session for the select board to adopt the two amendments.” Seconded by Ben Copans. The chair asked for any discussion and there was none. Passed unanimously by Brown, Copans, Behr and Dolan.
4. Adjournment. The chair adjourned the public hearing at 6:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted, H. Paul Berlejung