



TOWN OF ST. JOHNSBURY
Planning Commission St. Johnsbury, VT 05819
Tuesday, February 18, 2020 7:00 PM – Regular Meeting
Welcome Center – 51 Depot Square
Draft Minutes

Confirm Quorum of Members Present:

Jim Brown, Chair ☒ Ben Copans, Vice chair ☐ Ed Behr, Clerk ☐ Bud Stevens ☐ Larry Dolan ☐

Others attending: Paul Berlejung, Martha from Norwich Tech., Sacha Pealer from ANR, Chad Whitehead, Town Manager

1. Convene Regular Meeting, 7:00
2. Review Agenda, no changes. Jim offered praise and appreciation for all the work done by the members.
3. Public Comment, no public present
4. Approval of minutes, 01/21/2020, Ed motion with noted edits, Ben 2nd. Motion passed.
5. Norwich Tech., intro of 2 solar arrays. Martha from Norwich explained 2 sites, presented maps. After further discussion, PC felt they needed to see the site in a more thorough, detailed manner. And have Martha do more inquiries with neighbors, i.e., complete a due diligence effort. Decided to put Norwich Tech on the next meeting for a consideration as a preferred site.
6. NFIP, National Flood Insurance Program, bylaw changes. Clean copy, final review work, additional changes, from Sacha Peeler. Sacha noted that the “freeboard” info would potentially lower premiums. Finalize schedule for PC public hearing. Ben added additional agreed upon changes to the bylaw changes, including Ed’s and Larry’s suggestions. PC decided the time was right, given all the additions and updates, to move the NFIP bylaw changes to a public hearing. Ed will work on the report related to the changes. Sacha indicated she would prepare a matrix of the changes and why they are needed. That matrix will go to Ed, cc Jim. The needed Public Hearing notice will be finalized by Ben, with any further suggestions from the members. Motion was made, by Ed, to move the NFIP bylaw changes to a public hearing on March 17, 2020 at 6pm at The Welcome Center. 2nd by Larry. Motion passed unanimously. The public hearing notice will go out on March 2, 2020. Standard procedures will be followed with appropriate actions.
7. Other business. None.
8. Adjournment 8:40pm Motion by Ed, 2nd by Larry. Motion passed.