



# TOWN OF ST. JOHNSBURY

Planning Commission  
St. Johnsbury, VT 05819  
Tuesday, 2/15/2022  
7:00pm PC Meeting

## Zoom *Minutes*

Confirm Quorum of Members Present:

Jim Brown, Chair \_\_x\_\_ Ben Copans, Vice chair \_\_x\_\_ Ed Behr, Clerk \_\_Larry Dolan \_\_x\_\_ Open \_\_

Others attending: Paul Berlejung, Dennis Smith, Chad Whitehead

1. Convene Meeting. 7:05
2. Agenda changes. None.
3. Public Comment.
4. Minutes approval, 1/18/2022 Larry motion, Ben 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.
5. Manager's Report. Town meeting will be on Zoom. Info on town web page. Shared about Energy Committee, ARPA Committee, SB candidates.
6. ZA Report. Numbers(permits) are down. Land use development, complaint by fire chief was shared.
7. Bylaws regarding sign lighting, DCD, updating the details. Possible changes to bylaws. Updates and clean copy. Next steps. Ed not available. Item tabled till March meeting.
8. Self-storage, freight storage containers re-do. Definitions and Sect 443. Notice and report finished, ready for C-R. Set for March 15, 6:30pm meeting, Zoom, 2022.
9. Nuisance structures update, Town Manager input. Chad spoke with code compliance, Preston, stated there is safety code in place, just nothing regarding unsightly appearance. Code compliance office is making a big difference in town. \$25k minimum to demo a building. ZA and town officials will continue to work with property owners for code compliance.
10. NFIP, FEMA related updates, more work to be done. FEMA, CAC meeting 4/08/2022, 10 – 12. Ben was asked to be available. Re-mapping of flood plain will incur new flood plain boundaries.
11. Hazard mitigation. Produce an updated revision. Fire Chief Brad Reed is working on the report. Public hearings may happen with the PC.
12. Homelessness. Zoning. No available buildings in designated zone. New zoning needed to open more places for homeless population in St. J. Mixed use zone was mentioned.
13. Cannabis retail sales, bylaws related. CCB update. Discussed latest developments in St. J., and VT state.
14. Other business. None.
15. Adjournment. Motion by Larry, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ben. Meeting adjourned. 8:24pm.