



TOWN OF ST. JOHNSBURY

Planning Commission
St. Johnsbury, VT 05819
Tuesday, 8/15/2023
7:00pm PC Meeting
St.J. Welcome Center

Minutes

Confirm Quorum of Members Present:

Jim Brown, Chair __x__ Ben Copans, Vice chair __x__ Larry Dolan __x__ Open __ Open __

Others attending:

Planning Commission meeting

1. Open Meeting. 7:06pm
2. Agenda changes. Motion to add election of officers to other business by Larry, 2nd by Ben. Motion passed.
3. Public Comment. None.
4. Minutes approval. 7/18/2023 Larry motion, Ben 2nd. Passed with changes.
5. Manager's Report. Read through SB agenda with comments.
6. ZA Report.
7. NVDA, Place Sense bylaw modernization kickoff. Kickoff moved to August 21 at 7pm, Welcome Center. Need to change Bylaw Modernization meeting to 1st Monday of the month, make it a working session regular meeting. Change web site info. Agenda to include NDA, block analysis, flood hazard-river corridor studies. Look at steps in timeline till the end of the year.
8. Signs and Lighting. Clean up and simplify. Propose a clean copy. Update. Prepare for Public Hearing at September 19th meeting. Larry motion, Ben 2nd, move to public hearing on 9/19/2023 at 6:30pm. Motion passed.
9. Backyard chickens zoning issues. A clean copy for public hearing. Put guidelines in bylaw format. Discuss changes at 9/19 meeting, prepare for public hearing on 10/17.
10. Continue work on Town Plan redo for 2025. Ben point person, check with NVDA for NEK town plans. Larry checks on other high quality plans from other towns in the state. Direct involvement of Town Manager's office. Recreation, arts economy sections. Prioritizing the town plan. Review timeline proposed by Ben. Ben would send copies to Chad, Joe. Discussed other towns' town plans. Plan introduction to include background, current progress, results review. Involve town staff directly in planning. Special attention to Fire, Police departments. Question concerning the primary writer of the plan.
11. Other business. Election of officers. Larry as clerk, Ben as vice chair, Jim as chair.
12. Close meeting. Ben motion, 2nd Larry. Passed. 8:28pm