



TOWN OF ST. JOHNSBURY

Planning Commission
St. Johnsbury, VT 05819
Tuesday, 4/18/2023
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: Irene Nagle, Gillian Sewake, Willie Nickerson

Planning Commission meeting

1. Open Meeting. 7:00pm
2. Agenda changes. None.
3. Public Comment. None.
4. Minutes approval. 3/28/2023. Ben motion, Larry 2nd. Motion passed.
5. Manager's Report. Chair reviewed last SB meeting.
6. ZA Report. None.
7. NVDA, bylaw modernization grant info, Irene Nagle. PlaceSense was voted best RFQ. Irene will notify them and Chad. More work on Neighborhood Designated Area. NVDA is grant admin. 2 years for finished report. Irene also mentioned need to change wording on Mixed Use zones, concerning housing on 1st floor. On agenda for May.
8. Signs and Lighting. Clean up and simplify. Ben and Larry worked on previous changes, simplified to less changes, concerning signage. No regs on signage inside a building. More work needed on lighting changes. Larry will email Ben with more edits. Will be on agenda for May.
9. Animal husbandry zoning issues. Discussed agreed upon regulations for chickens in zone A, B. Need to consider larger quantity for larger acreage. More discussion on property size, set backs. More discussion concerning animal husbandry definition, more directly related to chickens. Need for a pet definition. On agenda for May meeting.
10. Emergency shelter, definitions, changes, Section 441. No further need to discuss issues concerning definitions. Needs legal counsel first, concerning non-discrimination in housing issues.
11. Other business. Ben, need to look closer at STR, short term rentals. Willie, asked about health zone housing. Gillian, maybe a possible new member.
12. Close meeting. Ben motion, Larry 2nd. Motion passed. 8:55pm