



TOWN OF ST. JOHNSBURY

Planning Commission

St. Johnsbury, VT 05819

Tuesday, 1/19/2021

7:00pm PC Meeting

Zoom Meeting

Minutes

Confirm Quorum of Members Present:

Jim Brown, Chair_x___ Ben Copans, Vice chair_x___ Ed Behr, Clerk x___ Larry Dolan _x___ Open___

Others attending: Paul Berlejung, Chad Whitehead

1. Convene Meeting - 7:03
2. Agenda changes - none
3. Public Comment - none
4. Minutes approval, 12/15/2020 – Motion by Larry, 2nd by Ben, approve minutes with noted changes. Motion passed.
5. Managers Report – Lots of prep for “re-opening” this spring. Beautification committee work, arts and recreation. Revitalize the Riverfront Committee.
6. ZA Report – Slow period. Violation complaints. Need to be in writing. Store openings and inquiries.
7. Energy Committee report update. – Executive summary, very good. Building codes, fire dept. and VT state have the final say, base codes. Request a few changes in Energy Report. Change “incorporate” to “encourage.” General approval of Energy amendment to the Town Plan.
8. Replacing July 12, 2017, amendments: def of self-storage unit, freight storage containers, pet services, veterinary services, Sect 443: freight storage container. Clean copy review. Make final copy. Public hearing date. – Did some further revisions, for clarity and consistency. Ready for moving it forward, to a public hearing.
9. Bylaws regarding sign lighting, DCD, updating the details. Possible changes to bylaws. – Ed will send out an extra page, indicating changes. Goal is to simplify the language involved with lighting on signs, in the DCD.
10. Marijuana retail sales, bylaws related. – Check with SB, town manager, what will be the question to be voted on. Also, Section 435.0, controlled substances, only conditional in Health Service zone. Will need alternatives for retail sales of marijuana.
11. Other business. None.
12. Adjournment. Motion by Ed, 2nd by Ben. Motion passed. 8:52pm