TOWN OF ST. JOHNSBURY

Planning Commission
St. Johnsbury, VT 05819
Tuesday, 3/16/2021
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: _____

1. Convene Meeting – 7:07pm

2. Agenda changes – None.

3. Public Comment – None.

4. Minutes approval, 2/16/2021 - Motion by Larry, 2nd by Ben. Motion passed. Ed abstains.

5. Managers Report – discussed various aspects of recent happenings in town government.

6. ZA Report – ZA had submitted info concerning sign heights. Some discussion. Reserved further discussion to agenda item concerning signs.

7. Energy amendment to town plan update. Discussed need to get out proper notification. Chair would email ZA, concerning timing.

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. Language of bylaw changes was acceptable. Item will be on April agenda to motion to accept, motion to have a public hearing.

9. Bylaws regarding sign lighting, DCD, updating the details. Possible changes to bylaws. – Discussed ZA point concerning 40' signs, sign material, freestanding signs, sign lighting, section 461.1, using lumens, not wattage, the kelvin measure, IESA. Ed will send his document to all members. Members will review all current materials concerning signs.

10. Cannabis retail sales, bylaws related. Town voting on 4/06/2021. Zones. "Shall the voters of the town of St. Johnsbury authorize cannabis retailers in town, pursuant to 7 VSA Sect. 863?" – Discussed zones and "if" the measure passes. Will review further after the results of the 4/06/21 vote.

11. Spot zoning issues. – Zoning at current Quest transportations offices, Dad's 4by. Chair will speak with Dad's 4by to understand his position.

12. Other business. – none.

13. Adjournment. – Motion by Ed, 2nd by Larry. Motion passed. 8:15pm