



TOWN OF ST. JOHNSBURY

Planning Commission

St. Johnsbury, VT 05819

Tuesday, 4/20/2021

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: ___ZA Paul B., Todd Wellington

1. Convene Meeting – 7:07pm
2. Agenda changes – None.
3. Public Comment – None.
4. Minutes approval, 3/16/2021 - Motion by Larry, 2nd by Ben. With changes noted. Motion passed.
5. Manager's Report – discussed various aspects of recent happenings in town government.
6. ZA Report – ZA submitted info concerning different aspects of work in the Zoning office, including zoning permits, vacant structures, zoning compliance, event permits.
7. Energy amendment to town plan update. Followed through with proper procedure from VLCT. Motion to have a public meeting, concerning the energy amendment to the town plan, at 6pm, 5/18/2021, Zoom, with the regular PC meeting at 7pm. Motion by Ed, 2nd by Larry. Motion passed. Larry noted he will be out of town, but available by phone if necessary.
8. Replacing July 12, 2017, amendments: def of self-storage unit, freight storage containers, pet services, veterinary services, Sect 443: freight storage container. Motion to accept the re-written bylaw amendments by Larry, 2nd by Ben. Motion passed. Motion to have a public hearing on the above bylaw additions on 6/15/2021, at 6pm via Zoom, (possibility of live meeting at Welcome Ctr. was mentioned), with regular PC meeting at 7pm made by Ed, 2nd by Larry. Motion passed. Paul will do notification to C-R and adjoining towns. Jim will do the report form.
9. Bylaws regarding sign lighting, DCD, updating the details. Possible changes to bylaws. Ed will email highlighted parts to be concerned with. Distance to source was discussed. Jim will ask again for purchase of a professional light meter for measuring outdoor lighting.
10. Cannabis retail sales, bylaws related. Town voting on 4/06/2021. Zones. Vote in favor, by 31 votes. Discussed: zones, mixed use, commercial; additional details coming from VT; separate medical from recreational use. Need to wait for State to finish details, but be ready to move forward. Jim will contact VLCT, MAC, Carl Anders, concerning zones.
11. Spot zoning issues. Change zone on 26 Memorial drive. From res B to mixed use. Ben Gates requested change. Check with NVDA, Irene Nagle, on proper procedure. Jim will email Irene.
12. Other business. Larry brought forward an idea concerning Portland ST. bridge repair/replacement. Will email Chad concerning his ideas.
13. Adjournment. – Motion by Ed, 2nd by Ben. Motion passed. 8:12pm