



TOWN OF ST. JOHNSBURY

Planning Commission
St. Johnsbury, VT 05819
Tuesday, 9/21/2021
7:00pm PC Meeting
Welcome Center
Minutes

Confirm Quorum of Members Present:

Jim Brown, Chair ☒ Ben Copans, Vice chair ☐ Ed Behr, Clerk ☒ Larry Dolan ☒ Open ☐

Others attending: ☐ Paul Berlejung, ZA, Nancy Cohen, Bernie Timson

1. Convene Meeting. 7:03
2. Agenda changes. Ed suggested we move #8 closer to the beginning. Chair said the other items before were not going to take long.
3. Public Comment. Nancy Cohen, thanked us for serving as volunteers, shared info related to taxing property.
4. Minutes approval, 8/17/2021. Ed motion, Larry 2nd to approve with noted changes. Motion passed.
5. Manager's Report. Chair reviewed last weeks SB meeting with PC.
6. ZA Report. Paul made copies of his previous report to the SB. Included info regarding local and state permit requirements, complaint process, appeals, zoning duties, other offices duties, pix of recent issues, the good news in town by the numbers, and shoutouts.
7. Bylaws regarding sign lighting, DCD, updating the details. Possible changes to bylaws. Ed gave copies of electric charging station definitions, and discussed a public arts council. PC will help and work on the electric charging station definition, review other bylaw changes and additions regarding signs and lighting.
8. Self-storage, freight storage containers re-do. Definitions and Sect 443. Discussion with participants concerning taxation of freight storage containers, Section 443 pertaining to residential properties only. No decisions until further guidelines from VLCT, NVDA. Chair would email both organizations, for further input. Possibly put Section 443 by itself for bylaw amendment processing.
9. 1274 Main St., Northern NE Conference, 7th Day Adventist, building conditions. Actions? PC requested an email to town manager, requesting a meeting of all interested parties. Chair we send another email.
10. Cannabis retail sales, bylaws related. Chair made mention of just receiving an email regarding the Cannabis Control Board, CCB. Would forward to all PC members.
11. Neighborhood lending libraries permitting. Setback requirements were mentioned.
12. Other business. Some further discussions concerning previous agenda items.
13. Adjournment. Motion by Ed, 2nd by Larry. Motion passed. 8:20pm.