



TOWN OF ST. JOHNSBURY

Planning Commission Working Session

St. Johnsbury, VT 05819

Tuesday 05/21/2024

7:00pm Meeting

St.J. Welcome Center

Minutes

Confirm Quorum of Members Present:

Jim Brown, Chair Ben Copans, Vice chair Larry Dolan, Secretary Ben Deede Open

Others attending: Matt Walsh

Planning Commission meeting

1. Open Meeting. 7:03
2. Agenda changes. None.
3. Public Comment. None.
4. Approval of Minutes from 04/16/2024. Larry Motion, 2nd by Ben Deede. Motion passed.
5. Town plan. Agenda items. Continued work on form and topics. Continued work with VT Town Plan planning. Ben C.'s meeting summary. Questionnaire final draft. Discuss distribution means, methods, locations. Further discussion on ways to tabulate and understand results of questionnaire. Discuss timetable. Discuss outreach. Gillian Sewake to attend to present outreach ideas. Next PC meeting plans. Minutes. TP 2025 – did not discuss questionnaire, to do a re-write. Gillian presented survey and other info. "Affordable housing" issues discussed. Outreaches to the community, Final Fridays and Farmers Market. Bring questionnaire to constituency groups, Academy, hospital, etc. Date of 2017 town plan accepted 5/08/2017. Town Plan outline, ask Chad and Joe for topic priorities. Discussed merging topics, better define topics, re-number topics for proximity and flow, look at goals v. actions, include maintain, evolve, transform ideas, keep much of TP 2017. Need Town Manager at meeting to help identify priorities. Discussed Brownfields and economic development. Look at Barre City TP.
6. Bylaw Modernization – Agenda items. Updates, work on first draft, first draft copy from Place Sense. Plan for presentation to SB and St. J. admins and staff. Present to DRB. Act 47 info meeting with SB. Plan for PC public hearing, SB public hearing. Look at July, August for final draft and public hearings. Minutes. Bylaw modernization. Discussed FEMA map. Next meeting edits and updates. Final draft from Place Sense. Chad, Joe, Brandy and Rod to meet Thursday, 5/23/2024
7. Town manager report. Chair presented some info from SB meeting.
8. ZA report. Permits being issued.
9. Conclusions- Next activities, actions.
10. Close meeting. Ben C motion, Larry D. 2nd. Motion passed.