



TOWN OF ST. JOHNSBURY

Planning Commission
St. Johnsbury, VT 05819
Tuesday, 2/16/2021
7:00pm PC Meeting
Zoom Meeting

Minutes

Confirm Quorum of Members Present:

Jim Brown, Chair Ben Copans, Vice chair Ed Behr, Clerk Larry Dolan
Others attending: ZA Paul Berlejung, Pam Parker

1. Convene Meeting – 7:03
2. Agenda changes – None.
3. Public Comment – None.
4. Minutes approval, 1/19/2021 – Ed motion, Ben 2nd. Passed unanimously.
5. Manager’s Report – Chair reviewed some parts of the previous SB meeting.
6. ZA Report – Shared recent activity in ZA office.
7. Energy Committee report update. – Reviewed updated report. Discussed length of the report, to be added to the Town Plan. It would add as a link. PC members wanted maps and other details included in report, that would become an amendment to the Town Plan. Motion to accept the report as an amendment to the Town Plan, by Larry. 2nd by Ed. Motion passed unanimously. Motion to hold a public hearing for the amendment on 4/20/2021, and give a 30 day notice, made by Ed, 2nd by Larry. Motion passed unanimously. All thank Ms. Parker for all their work on the report.
8. Replacing July 12, 2017, amendments: def of self-storage unit, freight storage containers, pet services, veterinary services, Sect 443: freight storage container. Discussion concerning placement in Zones. Issue resolved. Chair will add new wording to final copy.
9. Bylaws regarding sign lighting, DCD, updating the details. Possible changes to bylaws. Discussed lighting in bylaws. Decided to keep bylaws with specific details with no simplification. Ed will look at DCD sign lighting specifically.
10. Cannabis retail sales, bylaws related. “Shall the voters of the town of St. Johnsbury authorize cannabis retailers in town, pursuant to 7 VSA Sect. 863?” PC may not have much say in zone decision. Local cannabis control commission might be formed.
11. Other business. Ed’s addition? ZA zones to consider? Chair will follow up with question to Town Manager concerning vital systems being hacked. Also, hazard mitigation plan was mentioned, regarding hacking. Spot zones were discussed.
12. Adjournment. – Motion by Ed, 2nd by Larry, to adjourn. Passed unanimously. 8:45