

March 5, 2020

PC Members Present: Julie Potter (Chair), Siu Tip Lam, Scott Hess, Zach Sullivan, Mark Lane, Kim Watson  
Others Present: Bruce Johnson (Zoning Administrator), Kristi Flynn (Recording Secretary), Paul Eley

**Call to Order:** 7:04pm

**Public Comment:** None

**Welcome Newly-Elected Commissioners**

Welcome to Siu Tip Lam, Clarice Cutler and Scott Hess.

**Discussion with Applicants for Planning Commission Vacancy**

The Chair gave an overview of the PC duties and responsibilities. Mr. Eley stated that he and his wife have lived in EM on Horn of the Moon Road since 2014. He is interested in planning for the local community. He is also interested in helping and learning and will be passionate about the subject.

**Recommendation to the Selectboard for Planning Commission Vacancy**

**Motion: I move to recommend Paul Eley to the SB to appoint for the PC vacancy.** Made: Ms. Watson, second: Mr. Hess

**Vote on Motion:** Passed 6-0

**Continued Discussion on Revisions to Draft Zoning Districts**

The Chair reported that there is about \$6000 left in the budget for Ms. Saxton. There are still a number of items that Ms. Saxton owes us and we owe her some money for work done in July and September. The Chair has requested a Word version of the text and some graphics.

Ms. Watson wanted to speak to the PC before the continued discussion. She feels that the PC has moved away from the goals and actions in the Town Plan and would like to simply review and revise the current zoning regulations, particularly regarding the growth areas.

**Motion: I move to act upon the top (red) priority goals listed in the Town Plan in order to review and update the existing zoning regulations as set forth in the 2018 Town Plan.** Made: Ms. Watson, second: Mr. Hess

Discussion:

The PC members discussed their thoughts on whether to continue reviewing the new proposed regulations or go back and look at the existing regulations. They would like to have a map of the proposed district map. Some members are concerned that the motion constrains the PC to just looking at the existing regulations, with no flexibility to come up with new ideas. In the public forums and comments it appears that most people were okay with the changes in the village, but Ms. Saxton's text is quite different from what people are used to.

**Vote on Motion:** Defeated 2-4

The PC agreed to reset the review process. The Chair suggested that PC members review the goals and actions from the Town Plan and look at the existing regulations to see what needs to be changed for the next meeting.

**Updates**

- Energy Committee – no update
- Resilient Roads Committee –
  - Had a table at Town Meeting to share information
  - Getting a packet together for landowners to find out if they want the wood from trees cut down on their property
  - Putting out to bid
  - Project at U32 and surrounding area will start after school gets out
- Old LaPerle –
  - Boundary adjustment is done; farmhouse lot is about 6 acres
  - Waiting on Mr. Fontaine

**ZA Report**

- 1 permit

**DRB Report**

- Meet 3/10 – O'Hara/ Helwig setback waiver

**Review Minutes**

February 20, 2020

**Motion: I move to approve the minutes as amended.** Made: Mr. Hess, second: Mr. Lane

**Vote on Motion:** Passed 6-0

**Training / Conferences**

- CVRPC Housing and Forest Connectivity Roundtable (free) – March 31, Montpelier

**Other Business**

- Updates from Town Meeting
  - Money for the CrossVT Trails bridge was approved
  - Creation of Conservation Commission was approved; SB is authorized to form the commission

**Motion to Adjourn.** Made: Mr. Hess, second: Mr. Lane. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:15p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Kristi Flynn, Recording Secretary*