

Town of Newfane, Vermont

Planning Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2019

Place: Newfane Town Office, 555 Vermont RT. 30, Newfane, VT

Present: Ken Estey, Lynn Forrest, Bob McCandless

DRB member present: Walter Dadik

- I. Call to order by Ken Estey at 6:03 PM
- II. Additions/amendments to the agenda: Bob brought up the scarcity of affordable housing that was recently mentioned in The Commons newspaper as it applied to young people trying to find a place to live in Southern VT. Further discussion was tabled so commissioners could consider multigenerational housing for all.
- III. Lynn motioned to approve May 20, 2019 minutes as amended. Bob seconded. All approved. Bob motioned to postpone approval of July 22, 2019 regular meeting minutes. Lynn seconded. All approved.

IV. Old Business:

Lynn will get the latest updated Town Plan posted to the town's website so Bob can use it as reference when working on Enhanced Energy Plan (EEP). Bob will analyze remaining work necessary to be done on the EEP to determine whether or not it can be done by November and how much assistance might be necessary due to the amount of work it entails.

Conference discussion: Fall Planning and Zoning workshop. Ken will contact DRB chair to see if two members from that group can attend with expenses paid out of the PC budget.

August 12th Vermont Council on Rural Development's 2nd Annual Vermont community Leadership Summit. Lynn and Ken will be attending.

Lynn presented a schedule for implementation of new bylaw language applicable for Short Term Rentals (STR).

Ken presented a petition for Green Burial from Michael Mayer which included the necessary 75 signatures. Town Clerk verified 70 of those but only 55 were needed. The amendment is to the Town of Newfane Zoning bylaw permitting green burials as a conditional use in the Town's Resource District. The timeliness of a public hearing is yet to be determined. Bob motioned to accept the petition. Lynn seconded. All in favor.

Discussion focused on Short Term Rentals (STR) bylaw changes. Discussion will continue to fine tune wording.

Correspondence: Received letter from SEVEDS re Southern VT Economy Project closure and appreciation to community. BDCC for community facilities assistance eligibility criteria and USPS for delivery growth services, needs.

V. New Business: none

Bob motioned to adjourn at 8:47. Lynn seconded. All concurred.

Respectfully submitted

Bob McCandless

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