

West Rutland Planning Commission (PC) Meeting Minutes
August 5, 2020 7:00 pm Town Offices, 35 Marble St.

Members Present: Denis Lincoln (Chair), Michael Brzoza, Sean Barrows, Leona Minard,
Others Present: Jeffrey Biasuzzi (Alternate & Recorder)

D. Lincoln called the Meeting to Order at 7:10 pm. It was not electronically recorded.
The Chairman led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Lincoln requested a Motion to accept the draft agenda; M. Brzoza so Moved, Sean Barrows seconded, all approved and Motion passed.

Old Business:

At Chairman's request, S. Barrows made a Motion to approve the Minutes of 7/1/2020, M. Brzoza seconded, all approved, and Motion passed.

Public Comments/Input: No public in attendance; no input submitted.

Review of Zoning Regulations:

The Meeting opened with discussion on selecting OPTIONAL LANGUAGE to Article III (Table of Uses), to allow the DRB to consider a proposed use not identified in Table III. Neither of the two options being considered seemed to be satisfactory. J. Biasuzzi will research other Town Zoning regulations for additional language in use. *This issue was tabled until the next Meeting.*

L. Minard presented ZA with the latest update to the Table of Uses (Article III), with a request to compare to his notes.

Review of Article VIII (Signs) included:

1. Possible removal of Section 801(e), which required a permit to replace an existing non-conforming sign with a conforming sign any time there was a change of the sign, transfer of ownership, or new business renting the location. *There was no final decision on this.*
2. Variable Message types of signs are currently not permitted in any district. S. Barrows noted that this rule appeared to be currently violated in several locations. J. Biasuzzi noted that convenience stores with gas sales are a common example of a variable message sign (on main freestanding sign, and on pump toppers). *There was no final decision on amending this section.*
3. Temporary Sign language was not were not reviewed; *should be discussed at next meeting.*

Review of Article IX (Site Plan Approval); This section was largely unchanged from current regulations.

Review of Article X (General Regulations):

1. The ZA presented information on Home Occupation (Section 1004) regulation options. There were no changes made to the proposed language.
2. Discussion on Temporary Structures (Section 1010) resulted in amending the time allowed to 150 calendar days; to extend the seasonal use for fabric & frame type shelters. The Definition of "TEMPORARY" was also amended to be 150 days.
3. Discussion on Destroyed or Demolished Structures (Section 1011) resulting in amended language to address wind blow debris and natural causes of the damage.
4. Review of Trailers/Recreational Vehicles/campers/Motor Homes (Section 1012) resulted in extending the permitted use to 150 days; shall maintain a minimum setback of 10 feet from property boundaries, and shall not be used for storage of trash, garbage, junk, animal feed, hazardous materials.

Discuss Other and Miscellaneous Business: This was deferred to the next meeting due to the time.

Meeting Schedule: The next scheduled P.C. meeting is for Wednesday, August 2, 2020, at 7:00 pm at Town Office.

Adjournment:

D. Lincoln made a Motion to conclude the Meeting, L. Minard seconded, all approved and the Meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Jeffrey Biasuzzi

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