

West Rutland Planning Commission (PC) Meeting Minutes  
June 2, 2021 6:30pm Town Offices, 35 Marble St.

**Call to Order:**

**Members Present:** Michael Brzoza (Vice-Chair), Leona Minard, Sean Barrows **Member Absent:** D. Lincoln

**Others Present:** Jeffrey Biasuzzi (Alternate & Recorder)

The Vice-Chairman called the Meeting to Order at 7:05 pm, and led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. The Meeting was not electronically recorded.

**Agenda:** Michael Brzoza requested a Motion to accept the draft agenda. L. Minard so Moved, S. Barrows seconded, all approved, and Motion passed.

**Approval of Minutes:** M. Brzoza requested a Motion to accept the draft Minutes of the 5/5/2021 Meeting. S. Barrows so Moved, L. Minard seconded, all approved (D. Lincoln had emailed his approval) and Motion passed.

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

**Review of proposed amendments to Zoning Regulations:**

Discussion opened with review of Section 1019 (Prohibited Uses), with focus on 1019(4) which does not allow transient business activities, including sales from trucks or trailers. The issue of Food Truck/Trailer Sales has recently restricted expansion of a local Home Occupation. The ZA had already suggested carrying forward restrictions on *"business from cars, trucks, catering vans, trailers, and temporary retail stands on either public or private lands unless in compliance with the Town Ordinance on Lawn Sales & Vendors or a Town permit under Home occupations (Section 1004) or Article III (Table of Uses)."*

The Yard & Vendor Ordinance may need to be amended to better address Food Truck/Trailer sales, and Municipal sponsored events or activities. Also suggested was setting a maximum annual limit on number of permits or licenses for Food Truck/Trailer Sales. These licenses to be renewed at least annually. It was suggested to also clarify the regulation by exempting catering services for private parties/weddings, etc.

S. Barrows asked if Section 1019 should apply to Snap-on Tool sales, Schwan's Foods, perhaps even Amazon sales delivered by Amazon contracted vehicles. J. Biasuzzi asked if this approach might involve interstate commerce, and be outside the jurisdiction of the Town. It was thought that more research on this subject was appropriate.

J. Biasuzzi suggested specifically prohibiting exploding (i.e. Tannerite, ESKS, etc.) targets. This specific use is not addressed in the Town's Firearm Discharge Ordinance. This *may* be addressed in paragraph "g" of the Town's Objectionable Noise Ordinance, which could be referenced in the Zoning Ordinance.

J. Biasuzzi is to draft another version of Section 1019 for discussion at the next Meeting.

J. Biasuzzi then submitted a list of suggested standards that might be implemented in any Farm Animal Section (see Addendum 1 attached). Also suggested was determining what type and number of animals might be exempted as "pets" (i.e. no permit required). D. Lincoln may implement in his draft of the Farm Animal Section.

**Meeting Schedule:** The next scheduled P.C. meeting is for **Wednesday July7, 2021, at new regular time of 6:30 pm** at Town Office.

**Adjournment:**

L. Minard Moved to conclude the Meeting. All approved and the Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm

Respectfully submitted by J. Biasuzzi

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

## ADDENDUM 1 TO PC (DRAFT) MINUTES (6/2/21)

Health & Agriculture rules do apply. Most of these rules are common sense and address that :  
... Zoning does not specifically regulate farm animals; but VT

- a. Farm animals need to be adequately sheltered, fed & watered.
- b. The animals shall be enclosed so to stay on Owner's property, and deter predators.
- c. The total number of animals should be appropriate with available pasture or enclosure.
- d. The regular and proper management or disposal of animal waste and offal is required.
- e. The proper storage of feed is required so to prevent attracting vermin.
- f. Animal Noise and Odor issues must not travel beyond the Owners property.