

Draft
West Rutland Planning Commission (PC) Meeting Minutes
July 7, 2021 6:30pm Town Offices, 35 Marble St.

Call to Order:

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

Others Present: Jeffrey Biasuzzi (Alternate & Recorder)

The Chairman called the Meeting to Order at 6:47 pm, and led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. The Meeting was not electronically recorded.

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

Approval of Minutes: D. Lincoln requested a Motion to accept the draft Minutes of the 5/5/2021 Meeting. S. Barrows so Moved, L. Minard seconded, all approved and Motion passed.

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

Review of proposed amendments to Zoning Regulations:

Discussion opened with continued review and proposed revision to Section 1019 (Prohibited Uses), with focus on 1019(4) which does not allow transient business activities, including sales from trucks or trailers. This language was to be amended, referring the subject to the Town's Yard Sale/Vender Ordinance. J. Biasuzzi presented draft changes to the current (separate) *Yard Sale & Vendor Ordinance* and application form. Legal Counsel thought that the Town Ordinance could not be extended to national brands, such as Schwan's Foods and Snap-On Tools. This was reviewed and changes suggested to both. J. Biasuzzi to draft a revised version of both Ordinance and application for review by PC at next meeting, and then the Town Manager & Select Board.

D. Lincoln presented a draft Application form for Certificate of Occupancy requests. With Changes to the language in Section 1116, this form would place the burden of obtaining a C.O. on the Property Owner (currently the ZA's obligation, which is time consuming and frustrating). The property Owner would certify that the project was completed as approved by permit. J. Biasuzzi to draft the revised language in Section 1116 for review at August meeting.

J. Biasuzzi submitted list of Standards for Farm Animal regulation, many which follow VT recommendation. D. Lincoln references from internet research on recommended animal density.

S. Barrows asked if the Town Plan addressed control of invasive (primarily vegetative) species. A review of the 2016 Plan did find a specific recommend developing a strategy to manage and eradicate all non-native invasive plants in the Wildlife & Endangered /Unique Flora & Fauna Habitats (page 160).

Meeting Schedule: The next scheduled P.C. meeting is for **Wednesday August 4, 2021, at new regular time of 6:30 pm** at Town Office.

Adjournment:

L. Minard Moved to conclude the Meeting. S. Barrows seconded, All approved and the Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

Respectfully submitted by J. Biasuzzi

Approved: _____