



# Village of Manchester, Vermont

## Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission Held on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2019

**Members Present:** Chair Donald Brodie, Anthony MacLaurin, Renee Waller, Marian Haines, Audrey Kolloff,

**Member(s) Absent:** Consie West, Nina Mooney (non-voting)

**Others Present:** Bradley Myerson, Marion Mueller, Eric Scott, Administrative Officer and PC Clerk

Chair Brodie called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

### Minutes:

The draft minutes of the meeting of March 06, 2019, were reviewed. Member MacLaurin moved that the draft minutes of the meeting be approved. Member Kolloff seconded. Member Waller was not present at the meeting and abstained. The vote by was unanimous in favor.

The draft minutes of the meeting of April 10, 2019, were reviewed. Member Kolloff moved that the draft minutes of the meeting be approved. Member Waller seconded.

Discussion following regarding how Commissioners have more time to review the draft minutes. Scott iterated that the State Statute 1 V.S.A. § 312 (b)(2) requires the minutes of a meeting to be posted and available to the public within five days of the meeting. Scott stated that the Commissioners and the public should not expect the minutes be available any sooner than the Statute required. Scott will email the members when the minutes are available. Member Waller was not present at the meeting and abstained. Member Haines abstained. The vote was unanimous in favor by the members present at the April 10 meeting.

### Business:

Review of waste management practices and ordinance consideration.

Chair Brodie presented a draft *Report to the Trustees* regarding consideration of a noise ordinance to the Commissioners and members of the public present. Brodie polled the Commissioners for their thoughts on the testimony given at the April 10 meeting and any comments on the draft Report.

Member Kolloff stated that she thought the discussions on April 10 were comprehensive and didn't see any reason to change. Kolloff thought a lot had been taken into consideration.

Member Waller agreed with Member Kolloff and stated that she understood Mr. Myerson's issue.

Member MacLaurin stated that he supported the draft Report.

Member Haines felt that the scope of Mr. Myerson's proposal was too narrow and the Planning Commission should send the issue back to the Trustees.

Mr. Myerson pointed to several spelling and grammatical errors in the draft Report. Mr. Myerson then stated how disappointed he was in the apparent outcome of his proposal. Myerson iterated many of his talking points of the April 10 meeting.

Discussion continued regarding how to restrict hours of operation as a condition of a building permit, who to enforce a noise ordinance, other sources of noise, and more citizen input. There was also discussion of the hours of operation included in the current zoning permits and how creating a bylaw or ordinance to enact these hours of operation and could this be expanded to address Mr. Myerson's noise concerns.

Chair Brodie asked that the members consider the draft Report that will be on a future Planning Commission agenda.

Review of Section 9.9. Siting of Solar and Wind Electric Generation Facilities and Cell Towers of the *Plan of Development*.

Scott presented the solar dilemma municipalities including the Village have today on permitting the installation of either ground structures or roof alterations. Scott stated that it seems many communities are grappling with the question especially regarding historic districts. Scott provided a handout of pertinent language from the Village's Bylaws and Plan of Development, a section from the Town's Land Use ordinance, pertinent State statutes, a link to; *Act 56 Report: A Report to the Vermont General Assembly on Municipal Adoption of Solar Screening Regulations, January 13, 2017* including 11 examples of ordinances or bylaws. Chair Brodie stated that this topic will be on the Planning Commission's agenda for a while.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 A.M.