



# Village of Manchester, Vermont

## Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission Held on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2019

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

**Member(s) Absent:** Consie West, Audrey Kolloff, Nina Mooney

**Others Present:** Brian Knight, Eric Scott, Administrative Officer and PC Clerk

Chair Brodie called the meeting to order at 9:56 A.M.

### Minutes:

The draft minutes of the May 08, 2018, meeting of were reviewed and corrections were noted. Member Waller moved that the minutes, with corrections be approved. Member MacLaurin seconded. The vote by was unanimous in favor.

### Business:

Two similar draft proposals were presented to make a recommendation regarding container noise and preferred work hours. After some discussion, Commissioner Haines suggested that the issues should be considered separately and the Commissioners concurred.

#### Container Noise:

Commissioner Waller commented the waste industry including the haulers is a complicated industry consisting of long days. Commissioner MacLaurin moved that the attached Report be sent to the Village Board of Trustees. Commissioner Waller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### Work Hours proposal

This draft proposal recommended to the Board of Trustees that the Village create a new Section in the Ordinance to codify or “put into rule” language that has been on the Village’s Zoning Application for an unknown period of time. That language states: “Construction hours are limited to 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday and 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays. No work is allowed on Sundays or national holidays.”

The draft proposal replaces “construction hours” with “permissible work hours”. Much discussion followed regarding; words, audience, activities, hours, enforcement, sound, vague versus specific language, and homeowners and/or contractors. After some time it was apparent to the Chair that a recommendation or report to the Trustees would not occur at this meeting. The topic was tabled to a future meeting.

#### Review and update the Village Sign Regulations

##### 10.3 Design Guidelines

The Commission only discussed item #6, Layout and Artwork. Discussion will continue.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 10:58 A.M.



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## Report of the Planning Commission to the Board of Trustees

### Waste Hauler Noise

The Commission had received a request for ordinances concerning noise generated by waste hauler in early morning hours at the intersection of Ways Lane and Main Street. At a regularly scheduled meeting on 10 April, representatives of waste hauler in the Village outlined their “modus operandi”. There was public input as well. The commission did not feel that any recommendation to the Trustees was necessary at this time.

There have been previous discussions at Board and Commission levels of noise in general. To adequately cover the question the Village would need sound monitoring equipment and a qualified operator. It is possible that the operator would be an additional Village employee or contractor.