



Village of Manchester, Vermont

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission Held on the 19th day of January 2022.

Members Present: Chair Audrey Kolloff, Vice-Chair Richard Heilemann, Renee Waller – via zoom, Anthony MacLaurin,

Member(s) Absent:

Others Present: Orland Campbell – President BOT, Matt Latham - resident

Chair Audrey Kolloff called the meeting to order at 11:02 A.M.

Minutes:

Approve the draft minutes of the November 17, 2021 meeting

MacLaurin motioned with a second by Heilleman, and the Planning Commission voted to approve the draft minutes of the meeting of November 17, 2021, with modifications as stated by Chair Kolloff.

Motion passed unanimously.

Planned Business:

Discussion of a noise ordinance

In previous meetings, the topic of noise complaints had been raised. The sources of the disturbance have been amplified music from The Wilburton, the former Ross property on River Road being used for events, Air BNB rentals at the former Jeff Barnes residence on West Road. Commissioner MacLaurin added several more locations where residents have complained about disruptive noise. The commissioners broadly agreed that the noise ordinance should reflect the sources of complaints and not extend into restrictions of other activities such as construction, home repairs, noisy pets or other residential noise.

It was acknowledged that the role of the PC in this matter is an advisory role to the Board of Trustees.

As such, the PC will review drafts and provide suggested edits for the upcoming Trustees meeting on February 10, 2022 of noise ordinances from Woodstock and from a connection of Orland Campbell's.

Bylaw edits

The commissioners reviewed the history of bylaw edits performed by the DRB in 2018. It was determined that sections 3 and 4 will be the first to review for the next PC meeting on February 16, with sections 9 and 10 following in March.

Sections 5, 7 and 8 will be reviewed in conjunction with the BCRC initiative for Bylaw Modernization.

Other Business

It was confirmed that the upcoming BOT meeting on February 10 at 4:30 will include discussion of the draft Energy Plan and a Noise Ordinance.

Several points from the energy plan were discussed, including section 10.7 which covers strategy and implementation. This section and the proposed restrictions on ground based solar panels will need to be a focus of discussion in the BOT meeting.

Resignation of Commissioner French

The Planning Commission regrets that commissioner Lu French has resigned from the commission but accepts her resignation. We are appreciative of her commitment and service to the Planning Commission during her term.

Recruitment of new members

The commissioners discussed the reality of needing to recruit new members. Each commissioner commits to bringing two names to the next meeting to consider for further review and possible nomination.

On a motion duly made by MacLaurin, seconded by Heilemann, there was unanimous vote to adjourn.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 A.M.