

PLANNING COMMISSION
Organizational Meeting
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, April 6, 2022, at 6:00 PM
Town of Fairlee Town Hall
Grange Room
75 Town Common Road
Fairlee, VT 05045
and on Zoom

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: 6:04 PM

Rob Chapin called the meeting to order.

PRESENT

Commission Members: Rob Chapin, Chair; Sarah Berger, Vice Chair (absent); Susanne Pacilio; Miranda Clemson; Tim Danen; Smith Reed (absent); Jane Chambers. A quorum was met.

Zoning Administrator: Chris Brimmer

Minutes Clerk: Joanna Bligh

Visitor: Peter Berger.

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES

MOTION #1: Tim Danen moved and Susanne Pacilio seconded the motion to approve the Minutes from **March 2, 2022**, as written.

Voice Vote: All in favor. None opposed. None abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

STAFF AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Berger offered compliments to the Planning Board for their first Public Outreach Session held on March 9.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Run Through of the Second Public Outreach Session:

THE VILLAGE ZONE to Be Held on Wednesday, April 13, 2022, at 7:00 PM

Brimmer suggested a subtitle as: Housing and Economic Development – Challenges and Opportunities. Brimmer provided a 3-page narrative to coincide with the slide presentation. Members discussed the presentation slide by slide, including notes.

The members revised the presentation in two rounds. Major revisions included the map of the Village Zoning (water system) and reordering slides. Chair Chapin suggested keeping the narrative simple and answering the question, Why are we doing this? Clemson replied that the

goals of the Bylaw amendments were based on residents' surveys. Clemson recommended reducing the word count on the slides and moving the detailed discussion to the notes. Brimmer noted that changes in the Village Zoning Regulations by increasing housing and business opportunities lowers taxes and the cost of services.

Members discussed adding slides relating to the history of zoning in Fairlee.

The schedule of Public Outreach Session per topic were determined, as follows:

- Wednesday, March 9 – OVERVIEW
- Wednesday, April 13 – Village Area
- Wednesday, May 11 – Rural Resource Area
- Wednesday, June TBD – Buying and Selling Development Rights
- Wednesday, July TBD – Into the Weeds: Overlay Districts
- Wednesday, August TBD – Review and In-Depth Q&A and PUBLIC HEARING

Next Meetings:

- **Public Outreach Session, Wednesday, April 13, 2022, at 7:00 PM**
- **Regularly scheduled meeting, Wednesday, May 4, 2022, at 6:00 PM**

ADJOURN

MOTION #2: Tim Danen moved, and Susanne Pacilio seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM.

Voice Vote: All in favor. None opposed. None abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

*Transcribed by
Joanna Bligh, Minutes Clerk*