

PLANNING COMMISSION
Organizational Meeting
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, May 4, 2022, at 6:00 PM
Town of Fairlee Town Hall
Grange Room
75 Town Common Road
Fairlee, VT 05045
and on Zoom

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CALL TO ORDER: 6:18 PM

Rob Chapin called the meeting to order.

PRESENT

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

Zoning Administrator: Chris Brimmer

Minutes Clerk: Joanna Bligh

Visitor: Dashielle Rae.

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES

MOTION #1: Tim Danen moved, and Susanne Pacilio seconded the motion to approve the Minutes from **April 6, 2022**, as written.

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

STAFF AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Rae commented that she wrote a message to the Planning Commission about the light pollution from the Lake Morey Inn. Pacilio and Reed verified the new lights from the resort that shine all night. Discussion ensued, and Pacilio stated that she will bring up the issue at the Lake Morey Protective Foundation meeting. Brimmer noted that under Act 250, the resort has to be night sky compliant. Reed recommended politely requesting either shutting off the lights or pointing them downward, and Brimmer suggested following up with Act 250 if needed.

RUN THROUGH of the PUBLIC OUTREACH SESSION #3:

Rural Resource Area to Be Held on Wednesday, April 11, 2022, at 7:00 PM

Brimmer provided the members with a read out of the slide presentation about the Rural Resource Area. Discussion ensued revising specific slides, including a request from Chair Chapin to provide more detail in the slide presentation to encourage listeners to ask questions. Brimmer brought up the concept of conservation rights versus home building and how sequestration may become an income stream for large, wooded parcels. Pacilio recommended

using the map more frequently in the presentation to help residents visualize the location of the rural resource area.

Brimmer provided a letter for review by the members, which will be sent to a list of owners of large parcels in Fairlee in preparation for the May 11 Rural Resource Area Outreach Session #3.

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

- 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:

- **THIRD Public Outreach Session, Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at 7:00 PM**
- **Regularly scheduled meeting, Wednesday, June 1, 2022, at 6:00 PM**

ADJOURN

MOTION #2: Tim Danen moved, and Susanne Pacilio seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 PM.

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

*Transcribed by
Joanna Bligh, Minutes Clerk*