



PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting Type: _____ **Regular Meeting**
Date: _____ **April 3, 2018**
Time: _____ **6:00 p.m.**
Place: _____ **Municipal Building Community Room**
Address: _____ **43 Bombardier Road Milton, VT 05468**
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MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ATTENDANCE

Members Present : Lori Donna, Chair; Julie Rutz, Vice-Chair; Tony Micklus, Clerk; John Lindsay; Zachary Chilcote

Members Absent : None

Staff Present : Victor Sinadinowski, Planning Director

Public Present : Michael McCormick

3. AGENDA REVIEW

None.

4. PUBLIC FORUM

None.

5. STAFF UPDATES

Sinadinowski updated the PC on the Planning Assistant interview process and the uptick in zoning permit and development review applications.

6. BUSINESS

A. Middle Road Solar

The PC agreed to write a letter of support to the Green Lantern Group for the Middle Road Solar project at 262 Middle Road. Donna mentioned that the letter should include that the PC supports the solar project being located on a former waste site, and Lindsay said the letter should include a few words about the project utilizing the understory of the solar farm for environmental benefits.

Rutz motioned to approve Sinadinowski writing a letter of support for the Middle Road Solar project on behalf of the Planning Commission. Micklus seconded the motion. The Planning Commission approved, 5-0.

B. 2020 Town Plan

Sinadinowski reviewed the results of Town Plan Survey #3 with the PC. Micklus stated that perhaps a reason for why the question related to the Land Use goals received more “neither agree nor disagree” responses than the other questions was likely due to it being longer and wordier. Micklus and Rutz

stated that, for all of the questions' responses, there seemed to be a lot of support for the goals as stated.

McCormick commented that some of the results could be skewed due to ambiguous terminology. For example, regarding Question 12 in the survey, people could have different ideas of where Milton's "downtown area" is located; and McCormick also thought that the term "historical settlement patterns" was unclear.

The PC agreed that many of these terms were not clearly defined. They stated that the purpose of these questions was to create goals for the introductory chapter and to get a general sense of direction from the community on goals for the Town. The PC stated that many of these issues would be further explored in later chapters that specifically talk about these topics.

Sinadinowski informed the PC that the next chapter of the Town Comprehensive Plan is the history chapter. He will be reaching out to Milton Historical Society to have them help edit and recreate the history chapter. Sinadinowski also will create a survey for the history chapter that is only a few questions long.

Chilcote stated that the PC could consider mailing out some of these surveys to residents in a mass mailing. Lindsay said that we should also continue emphasizing the use of the website and electronic methods for distributing the surveys.

D. Unified Development Review Edits

The PC discussed edits to the UDR. Sinadinowski stated that the Planning & Economic Development department needed clarity on whether non-conforming structures are allowed to reconstruct after only a specific event that causes severe damage or destruction of a structure, or if normal wear and tear throughout the years constitutes "any cause" of unintentional damage. The PC stated that the intent was to be one specific event, such as an "act of God."

The PC instructed Sinadinowski to gather more information from the Selectboard and Staff on height limits in the different zoning districts.

7. MINUTES

Rutz motioned to approve the minutes of March 20, 2018 as submitted. Micklus seconded the motion. The Planning Commission approved, 5-0.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Minutes approved by the Commission this _____ day of _____, 201 8.

Lori Donna , Chair

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