

Minutes
Planning Commission Meeting
Town of Coventry
Wednesday, April 7th, at 5:00 P.M.

Board Members Present

Daniel Rondeau- Chairman
Susan Kelley-Harkey
Israel Sanville
Michelle McManus
Amanda Hussey
Stephanie Rondeau- AssistAnt

Town Officials Present

Scott Briere, Ned Connell

Residents Present

Donna Griffes, Martha Sylvester, Wendy Grenier, Karen Blake-Orne, Ricky Burke, Ernie Punt, Rudy Percy, Pedro Grondon

Guests Present

Scott Jenness

1. Order:

- Dan R called the meeting to order at 5:13pm.

2. Approve the minutes:

- Israel made a motion to accept the minutes from March 10th, Dan seconded and the minutes will be signed.

3. Allow for public comment:

- No public comment

4. ATV Ordinance:

- Some residents expressed concern that the ATV travel and noise inhibit others from enjoying activities on some roads. Other concerns include the hours allowed in the early morning, and destruction of private property.
- Scott J answered questions pertaining to the Borderline Ridge Riders and the club registration process. The ATV trails are open May 15th- October 1st.

- Other residents assured the townspeople that the majority of the club members using the roads are acting responsibly and are only looking to enjoy their preferred outdoor recreational activity.
- Dan R summarized the townspeople's concerns as being mostly time limits, noise, lack of enforcement.
- Dan R outlined some possible solutions as increased enforcement, keeping a complaint log, and a town registration sticker.
- Ned C suggested the board look into adding signage along the town roads for safety.
- Scott J and Dan R urged the residents to document, with pictures if possible, any disruption caused by the ATV's.
- Property owners are encouraged to document any property damage with pictures to hold ATV operator accountable as neither the Borderline Ridge Riders or the Town of Coventry are liable in such disputes.
- Martha S expressed concern on the wording of the ordinance and will submit proposed changes to the board for review.
- All ideas will be considered and discussed further at a special meeting 4/21/2021.

5. Community Events 2021:

- Susan presented an idea for a scarecrow contest to be held in the fall.
 - Martha added that there had been a recreation committee formed that could work with her to possibly build this idea into a larger event.
 - Suggestions were made for a costume contest, parade, craft fair, as well a foot or bike race could be added to this event.
 - This will be discussed further at the next regular meeting.

6. Other Business:

- Dan R outlined the upcoming sidewalk project as being in the planning stage.
- Scott B informed the Planning Commission that David Gallup had been working on this project. Dan will touch base with David to gain additional information. This will be discussed further at the next regular meeting.
- The church restoration and possible uses was introduced as it may be started in conjunction in some ways with the sidewalk project. A survey for the residents of uses for the church was discussed and will be discussed further at the next regular meeting.
- Susan H introduced the idea of a community garden and will explore possible locations within the town.
- Martha S suggested the town build a relationship with the airport as it is a vital economic driver in the town.

7. Adjourn:

- Israel S made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:13pm. Michelle M seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

The next regular Planning Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 5th, 2021 at 5:00p.m. This meeting will be held remotely due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Daniel Rondeau

Susan Kelley-Harkey

Israel Sanville

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