

weseePlanning Commission Meeting

September 11, 2019

Chair: Moe Jacobs

Phil Marquette

Robert (Skip) Gosselin

Mike Lucas

Absent:

Josh Griffes - Vice Chair

Carol Simmons - Administrative Assistant

Town Officials Present:

Amanda Carlson / Town Administrator

Kate Fletcher / Assessing Clerk

Guests:

Martha Sylvester

Nicholas Low (legal representative for Washington Electric)

Tammy Dodge-Jacobs (substitute for Carol Simmons)

1. Chairman Moe Jacobs called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

2. Approve the minutes of the July 31 meeting:

*Moe made the motion to approve the minutes of the July 31, 2019 meeting

*Motion was seconded

* Board members unanimously approved and signed the minutes from the July 31, 2019 meeting as written

3. Allow for public comment

* No public comment was noted

4. Old Business

* Kate Fletcher spoke about her position as Assessing Clerk. She stated that Bill & Matt Krajeski have been hired to complete 2019 GL. The office is switching to the Patriot (AssessPro) system. There will be a town-wide reappraisal in 2021. Assessment on the landfill will be in 2020. The last reappraisal was in 2002. George Sansoucy was hired to assess the utilities in town. These values were grieved and brought before the BCA, and now await further review. We have changed mapping companies. CAI Technologies will complete the 2018 & 2019 maps and will go online in 2020. Amanda added that overlays will be available online. Kate is continuing to attend trainings which keep her up to date with technology and VT statutes. She has regular office hours to encourage and maintain transparency and access to public records. Appointments are available. Moe asked Kate if the Notice of Change is still necessary and Kate agrees with it and says yes.

5. New Business

* Nicholas Low from *Tarrant, Gillies & Richardson* law firm introduced himself as a representative of Washington Electric Cooperative (WEC). The runway at the airport has been expanded. In doing so, once the trees were cut, a WEC transmission line remains and VTrans has told them they need to move it because of a clearance issue with air traffic. WEC is seeking permission from the Coventry Planning Commission to move the line. Moe asked if there are any known health effects. Nick does not know of any and noted that this is just a transmission line and it does not feed any homes. Skip questioned how much more can the line hold and Nick said there are no plans to increase power, it just needs to be moved because of clearance issues. A motion was made for Moe to sign off in support of relocation of the transmission line, it was seconded and passed. Another motion was made for Moe to sign off on the 45 day waiver of the pre-filing notice. It was seconded and carried

6. Village Designation

* Amanda spoke about the Village Designation. It is located from the Coventry Village School to the park. Renewal is every 8 years. The first draft will be ready by the end of October and Amanda will give a copy to the Planning Commission before it goes public. That will be followed by a public meeting(s).

The church deal is at a standstill right now, as a meeting of the members is needed. The current plan is for the town to take ownership. "Preservation of Vermont" has guidance suggestions for cost and financing of such projects.

7. Solar Project

Phil has reached out to Dori Wolfe of Wolfe Energy LLC for a feasibility study. The price is \$1250, which doesn't include any meetings. A motion was made for Phil to attend the next Selectboard meeting representing the Planning Commission and ask for approval of the funds. The motion was seconded and passed. Amanda will put him on the agenda.

8. Junk Ordinance

Moe commented that he thinks Greensboro has a good ordinance. Amanda believes we should start small to see how it goes - maybe make it applicable in the village to start with. Martha spoke extensively expressing her concern about how to put it into affect without offending residents. She noted how the villagers are being faced with a huge financial burden already because of the new well and some just can't afford any more fees or expenses. There was talk about the object is to improve the property and the board would like to "help" property owners, not penalize.

9. Planning Commission booklets.

* Tabled until next meeting in October.

10. Other Business

* Phil would like to know what's on the agenda prior to getting to the meeting. It will help him to be more prepared.

11. Motion to adjourn

Phil made a motion to adjourn. Seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:51.


The next Planning Commission meeting will be held on October 2, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.




Maurice Jacobs / Chairman



Josh Griffes / Vice Chair



Robert (Skip) Gosselin



Phil Marquette



Mike Lucas

Tammy Dodge-Jacobs / Substitute for Carol Simmons

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Sign In Sheet

October 2, 2019

1. MIKE LUCAS

2. Shirley Gosselin

3. Ph. I. Marquette

4. Maurice D. Jacobs

5. Carol Simmons

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