

**Planning Board
Minutes
January 19, 2021**

Meeting held remotely via Zoom.

Members Present: Judy Eiseman, Lexi Dewey, Leslie Laurie, Pete Wilson, Anne Stoddard (recording)

Visitors present: Tilman Lukas, Rusty Rowell

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm.

Approve minutes from previous meeting.

November 16, 2020 Minutes approved (5 for, 0 against)

Announcements.

Cory Shumway was scheduled to attend but didn't make it – he's planning to come to a future meeting.

Anne reported that the Anti-racism Advisory Committee has begun work. Among other things, the committee is reviewing town by-laws for rules that might be considered racist or exclusionary in retrospect.

The Town Annual Report is due February 15. Judy will draft.

There is a budget hearing on Feb. 23 at 10:30AM. Judy will attend. There is a problem that some financial data was lost or relocated when systems were updated and Judy will meet with June Masee to straighten out our records. PB accounts: We have \$143.75 in our consultant account. We have an outstanding bill from the Gazette to be paid. We received \$75.00 for the ANR plans for the Barry Roberts project on Amherst Rd.

Judy asked when the terms of PB members expire. Anne will look into that. Rusty offered to help circulate nomination papers since it may be more difficult this year due to COVID restrictions.

Judy attended the capital planning meeting. There is no money, no plan and no changes.

The solar by-law is still with the Attorney General. Because it was passed by Town Meeting it is in effect unless and until the AG requests changes.

Other Business

There will be a Conservation Commission meeting on January 28 at 7:00PM regarding the project at 22 Amherst Road. If we have any questions for the ConCom we should give them to Judy and she will coordinate them. The full copy of the plans and specs is available but hard to read on line, especially the large maps. Judy has a copy and will share it with others. Lexie asked

to see it. The ConCom and the ZBA will use the same engineering consultant to review the project.

There is a potential for additional sewer connections on South Valley Rd. This type of connection requires a septic tank with a grinder. The sewage then goes through a pipe to the sewer main in the street. It requires a secondary tank with the grinder and a pumping mechanism. People might want to install a generator if they have this type of system. It is a simpler method than a new septic system and is easier method to introduce sewer service to a new area. Pete pointed out that although the initial cost may be lower there is continuing maintenance cost to the home-owner. Increasing sewer access in the Village Center is something the PB has wanted for a long time. There is nothing for us to do now.

Leslie wants to discuss a possible cannabis by-law at the next meeting. She will send something before the meeting outlining the choices we have in light of the possibilities offered by the Cannabis Commission. She will draft a by-law.

There are two by-laws that deal with driveways and they conflict. Drafting a new-by-law, although needed, is on the back-burner for now.

We reviewed the liaison responsibilities:

- Housing Committee – Lexie
- Board of Health – Anne
- Historic Commission – Leslie
- Energy Committee – Pete
- Select Board – Judy

Adjourned at 8:15PM

Next Meeting:

February 8, 2021 at 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Stoddard