

The Town of St. Albans
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
Meeting held via Zoom Conference Call
March 9th, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes

Present: Casey Toof, Anne Pomeroy, Hannah Rounds, Al Voegele, Sarah Hadd
Staff Present: Corey Parent, Director of Operations, AJ Johnson, Administrative Assistant
Public Present : Mike Bauer

Zoom Meeting ID: 859 4188 9624

CALL TO ORDER

C. Toof called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None.

REORGANIZE THE PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission must reorganize annually after Town Meeting Day. C. Parent asked for nominations for Chair. A. Pomeroy nominated C. Toof. There were no other nominations.

MOTION: A. Voegele made a motion to appoint C. Toof as Planning Commission Chair. S. Hadd seconded. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

C. Toof asked for nominations for Vice Chair. A. Voegele nominated A. Pomeroy as Vice Chair. There were no other nominations.

MOTION: H. Rounds made a motion to appoint A. Pomeroy as Planning Commission Vice Chair. S. Hadd seconded. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

C. Toof asked for nominations for Clerk. A. Voegele nominated S. Hadd. There were no other nominations.

MOTION: A. Voegele nominated S. Hadd as Planning Commission Clerk. H. Rounds seconded. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

ACCEPT RULES OF PROCEDURE

The PC reviewed the Rules of Procedure which are adopted annually during the reorganization meeting. A. Johnson updated the Rules of Procedure to reflect the title change of the "Planning Director" to the "Director of Operations". A change was also made to reflect the PC will be "contacted" to ensure a quorum. The Rules previously used the word "called". A. Johnson will update the Planning Commission names and titles.

MOTION: A. Voegele made a motion to accept the Rules of Procedure with the discussed amendments. A. Pomeroy seconded. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

VERMONT LAND TRUST PRIMER DISCUSSION

The Planning Commission is anticipating a meeting with the Vermont Land Trust to discuss the Land Trust process. The meeting is scheduled for April. C. Parent presented two PowerPoints that were shown in legislation regarding the Land Trust. He also shared a memo he sent to C. Johnson, Town Manger and the Selectboard which outlines the amount of land within St. Albans Town and surrounding municipalities that is within the Trust.

The PC wonders how much say the Town has in the Land Trust process. Once land is in the Trust, it can never be removed. This hinders potential development. The PC wondered how much land within the Trust is able to be developed and how much is wetland.

The PC will write down their questions for the presenter and submit them to C. Parent prior to the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

C. Toof thanked the Town for a well-managed Town Meeting Day.

CREATE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING: MARCH 23rd

The Bike and Ped. Plan has been sent to Regional Planning for review.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: A. Voegele made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
AJ Johnson, Administrative Assistant

Casey Toof, Vice Chair

Date

Al Voegele, Clerk

Date

Hannah Rounds

Date

Anne Pomeroy

Date

Sarah Hadd

Date