

MINUTES  
FAYSTON PLANNING COMMISSION  
December 16, 2019  
Unapproved

Members Present: Carol Chamberlin, Doug Day, Pete Ludlow; ZA: John Weir; Public: None

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m.

Members reviewed the minutes of December 9, 2019. Doug moved to approve the minutes, and Pete seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Carol asked whether members could agree that any correspondence to the public concerning the Town Plan update go through John, i.e. posting anything on Front Porch Forum. Members agreed that this would be a good idea.

Pete asked whether the goals and objectives of the Town Plan should be narrowed down, as he believes they are too voluminous and often repetitive.

Members continued with the Town Plan update. Don (absent) had emailed members his suggestions and comments on various goals and objectives. Pete had also made some suggestions and comments of his own using Don's version. Don and Pete are concerned with Goal 3.1, Objective 3. Specifically, Don is concerned with an objective that calls to prohibit land development within 100 feet of wetlands and waterways, believing this was discussed and rejected in the last revision to the land use regulations. Don and Pete are both concerned with Goal 3.1, Objective 4, which calls for designing subdivisions to minimize development on lands above 1,500 feet in elevation. In these and other objectives, Don and Pete believe the Board is setting the ground for future restrictions on land development in an area that sorely needs more housing options. Don also took issue with mention of a future consideration of a conservation overlay district.

It was agreed that Don needed to be present to discuss the issues raised with the goals and objectives. This discussion is tabled until the next meeting on January 6, 2020. In addition, discussion of stormwater-related work should be incorporated into the Ecology goals and objectives.

Carol has sent the updated Town Plan (with the exception of the goals and objectives) to the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission and Joshua Schwartz of the Mad River Valley Planning District for review. Joshua is currently on leave but will attempt to review the plan by the January 6 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.