

**Town of Fayston, Vermont**  
**Planning Commission Minutes**  
**Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**Fayston Town Hall**

**Attendees:** Karen Sauther (Chair), Doug Day (Vice Chair), Don Simonini, Jennifer Hammond, Rebecca Baruzzi (Zoom), Jason Wilson (ZA), Sam Lash (Climate & Energy Planner with Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission), Brad Long (Energy Coordinator)

1. Call to Order at 5:30 PM
2. **Announcements & Agenda Modifications:** Welcomed new PC member Rebecca Baruzzi and new ZA Jason Wilson.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Don motioned to approve minutes from 6/13/22 and 7/14/22. Doug seconded the motion. All approved, motion passed.
4. **Liaison Reports:**
  - a.) Don stated that there is no Planning District meeting in August. There will be a September meeting and plans on sitting in on the executive committee call on Thursday. The Planning District plans on having a Community Housing Summit in October. Summit purpose is to define any problems and what to do about the problems. Rebecca asked in reference to the Housing Summit and housing situation, who is responsible for identifying and dealing with it? It was suggested that this is what this summit is for and hopefully get direction on how to deal with it. Whether it is the Planning District or individual commissions, boards or committees or working together.
  - b.) Doug stated there was a Ridge to Rivers meeting. That was the first meeting they have had in months.
5. **Sam Lash discussion of Municipal Enhanced Energy Plan:** Is willing to work with communities in assisting with Energy/Climate surveys, campaigns and recruiting for committees.
  - a.) **Enhanced Energy Plan:** Act 174 established a set of energy planning standards for municipalities and regional planning commissions. The process is voluntary. Multi scoped project. Depending on municipality's scope, can target municipal, public, or private energy goals.

Don asked has anything changed in the last three years ago in reference to the amount of manpower hours needed compared to the return from effort. Sam

answered no but she foresees an increase in federal and state funding for projects related to the plan.

The items in an Enhanced Energy Plan could be built into Town Plans or an addendum to existing town plan until updated.

Sam communicated that she would follow up with a memo of what she presented.

**6. Land Use Regulation Edits:**

- a. Discussed and reviewed the suggestions made by Town Attorney Jim Barlow.
- b. Discussed and reviewed the suggestions made by the Development Review Board.

Don motioned to approve the LUR edits and set up a public hearing for 10/17/22, Jennifer seconded motion. Motion carried.

**7. Joshua Schwartz email municipal bylaw grants specific to housing:**

Could be interested in bylaw grant if working in conjunction with neighboring committees. Agreed to invite Joshua to come speak with this commission about this with 20-minute presenter limit.

**8. Ideas for Planning Commission future work Plan:**

- Use of storage containers, preserving scenic beauty
- Housing
- Maybe create committee for Enhanced Energy Plan
- Short Term Rentals
- Tiny Homes, PUDs

**9. Other Business: None**

Don motioned to adjourn. Rebecca seconded. All approved, adjourned at 8:11 PM