

Town of Fayston, Vermont
Planning Commission Minutes
Monday December 12th, 2022
Fayston Town Hall

Attendees: Planning Commission: Doug Day (Acting Chair), Jennifer Hammond, Pete Ludlow, Rebecca Baruzzi (Arrived at 5:47), Karen Sauther and Don Simonini **Zoning Administrator:** Jason Wilson **Public:** Andy Phelan (Zoom)

1. Call to Order at 5:30 PM
2. **Agenda Modifications:** Don requested to receive Commission members priorities for his upcoming Planning District meeting in Other Business.
3. **Approval of November 28th, 2022 Minutes:**

Doug asked to fix typo in section 4. Doug asked for the part of who is paying for the Municipal Planning Grant to be added. Karen asked for clarification and addition of the reason the Commission entered into executive session.

Karen motioned to approve the minutes with the referenced corrections; Don seconded. All approved.
4. **Liaison Reports:**

Don: The Planning District has an upcoming meeting on Thursday night to discuss the format and objectives for the Tri-Town Meeting. Which is why I wanted to get your input on priority buckets for the District. Also, there will be discussion on the District's executive council and its scope of authority.
5. **Re-Organization:**

Karen motioned to push Re-Organization to next meeting when all members present; Don seconded. All approved. As this happened Rebecca arrived and all members were present. Jennifer motioned to cancel rescheduling of Re-Organization and move forward with items on today's agenda, Don seconded. All approve.

Don asked if anyone one would entertain the idea of being the Chairperson of this Planning Commission. Rebecca answered that she would. Karen made a motion to elect Rebecca as Chairperson; Pete seconded. All approve. Rebecca will become Chairperson effective for the next meeting. Doug will revert back to Vice-Chair.
6. **Work on By-Law Modernization Grant Preparation:**

Karen stated that she received the Waitsfield RFP for a consultant and will send out. Maybe able to use as reference in drawing up our RFP. Discussion on what public engagement would look like. With a rough outline of housing issue relating to our LURS as follows:

 - Why is it an issue?

- Successful Remedies.
- What it can be.
- Obstacles

Agreed to work on the first section of “Why is it an issue” next meeting.

Andy Whelan: Stated that we have a stock of homes where our aging population is living that are just 1-2 people living in homes after families move out. They may not want to leave the Valley, but there are no real options for them to downsize. Also, commented that we are missing starter homes.

7. Other Business:

Don received feedback for items to talk about at the Planning District meeting from Jennifer and Karen. With infrastructure and the many items associated with infrastructure. Don, also asked for members to come to this meeting.

8. Adjourn:

Doug made a motion to adjourn; Jennifer seconded. All approve. Meeting adjourned at 7:07PM