

Town of Fayston, Vermont
Planning Commission Minutes
Monday, November 13th, 2023
Fayston Town Office

Attendees: Planning Commission: Doug Day (Chair), Pete Ludlow (Zoom) and Freddie Graves
Zoning Administrator: Jason Wilson **Public:** Sam Robinson (MRVPD), Andrew McNealus, Joanne Peacock

1. Call to Order at 5:39 PM
2. **Agenda Modifications:** None,
3. **Approval of October 9th 2023 Minutes:** Freddie motioned to approve the minutes; Pete seconded. All approved.
4. **Presentation of the Annual Data Report by Sam Robinson of the MRVPD:**
Sam Robinson was hired in April 2023 as the Community Planner at the MRVPD. He is an alum of Harwood and UNC Asheville. Sam made a presentation of a report of the MRVPD annual data that represents a “snippet” of the complete MRV 2023 Annual Data report that is available on the MRVPD dashboard.
5. **Discussion with Planning Commission Candidate Andrew McNealus:**
Andrew grew in Woodstock and went to GMVS and then to Middlebury. He coached a few years which led him to Stowe for bit. He has gotten into Real Estate which has opened him up to Planning & Zoning, mostly in the Burlington area. He has recently moved to Fayston and sees being here in his Long-Term goals.
Doug: Have you read the Town Plan & LURs?
Andrew: Yes, although I haven't read the Town Plan cover to cover yet.
Freddie: What were the questions asked to me? What do feel about STRs, Storage Containers and McMansions? You don't have to answer that.
Andrew: The STR thing, having been in Stowe. I think it is going to come up in a lot of Vermont towns. Seems like something that may need to be addressed.
Pete: How do you view growth vs. cost of growth?
Andrew: Smart growth. If you have a good Town Plan and LURs you can kind of dictate where and how you grow. With enough thought you can plan accordingly and have the best of both worlds.
Jason: Are you familiar at all with the HOME Act the state legislature passed?
Andrew: Yes, a little bit.
6. **Liaison Reports:**
Doug stated that his Liaison Report was about the MRVPD's Annual Data Report.
7. **Announcements:**

The next Planning Commission Meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 8th 2024. Pete Ludlow announced that the January 8th 2024 meeting will be his last meeting as a member of the Planning Commission.

- 8. Executive Session:** Freddie moved to enter Executive Session to discuss the potential referral to the Selectboard of Andre McNealus to be a member of the Planning Commission; Pete seconded and all approved. It was a short session and all members felt he would be a good fit. Freddie moved to exit Executive Session; Doug seconded and all approved.

Freddie made a motion to recommend Andrew McNealus to the Selectboard for membership on the Planning Commission; Doug seconded and all approved.

- 9. Adjourn:** Freddie motioned to adjourn; Doug seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM