Town of Fayston, Vermont

Planning Commission Minutes

Monday June 10th, 2024

Fayston Town Office

Attendees: Planning Commission: Paul Quinlan (Chair)(Zoom), Andrew McNealus (Vice Chair), and Michael Duell **Zoning Administrator:** Jason Wilson **Public:** Langford Davidson

1. Call to Order at 5:38PM
2. **Agenda Modifications:** None
3. **Approval of the May 13th, 2024 Minutes:**
   Andrew moved to approve the May 13th, 2024 Minutes; Paul seconded. All approved
4. **Discussion with Planning Commission candidate Langford Davidson:**
   Discussion began with Langford introducing himself.
   Paul: Tell me about academic background?
   Langford: Went to SUNY Albany and got a degree in Geology and GIS.
   Michael: How did you go from basically entry level to managing the support staff with Red Sox?
   Langford: I started with the help desk and then the more I did, the more learned. I was responsible for IT support. I made sure people's phones, emails and things like that worked.
   Michael: You became a flight instructor in 6 Months?
   Langford: I flew previously. When I did that though becoming flight instructor was my sole commitment.
   Michael: Do you currently work with GIS?
   Langford: No
   Andrew: How has your interaction with the town been with your project?
   Langford: It has been good, Jason helped me getter a better of the Land use Regulations.
   Andrew: What is your vision for the Valley?
   Langford: It is no secret that there is housing shortage and local businesses struggle staying open due to lack of employees. I would like to work with everyone here to find a solution to this. I do not want to see development density to increase. I like this town the way it is laid out. I would like to explore areas where increased density may be an option. I don't have the answers, I would like to work with the PC on that.
5. **Continued discussion on the broken hyper-link Tables 2.1(E)(3), 2.2(E)(3), 2.3(E)(3), 2.4(E)(3), 2.6(E)(1) and 2.7(E)(3):**
   Discussion continued about the broken link stated in the above tables. This link is to provide standards and practices when constructing bicycle trails as part of Outdoor Recreational Facilities. The link appears to be referencing a document by the New York Department of

Environmental Conservation (NYDEC) also it looks like that document has also been updated by the NYDEC. The Commission would like to look over the documents provided by Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (VT ANR) at https://fpr.vermont.gov/recommended-trail-standards. Michael also thought may beneficial to look at the Acceptable Management Practices Manual for Logging Professionals (AMPs) also by VT ANR. The Commission agreed they would like to look over these documents some more and get Freddie and maybe Langford's input on this at a future meeting.

6. **Liaison Reports:**
    a. **Paul (MRVPD):** Paul informed the PC that the MRVPD recently elected new officers. There have also been discussions about the Waitsfield Wastewater System bond vote which is coming up. Andy Phelan spoke on behalf of VTSTRA (Short-Term Rentals). Eric Friedman of the Chamber of Commerce also made a presentation at this MRVPD meeting.
    b. **Andrew (CVRPC):** Andrew informed us that the CVRPC is working on Re-Adopting their Regional Plan. They also had discussion about the States Stormwater Permits for 3-Acre Sites. According to VT ANR's records there are 3 sites and Fayston the meet the requirements for needing this permit. There is a grant to help the property owners of these sites get these permits.
7. **Other Business:**
8. **Executive Session to discuss Langford Davidson's candidacy for the Planning Commission:** Paul motioned to enter into Executive Session to discuss Langford Davidson's candidacy for the Planning Commission; Michael seconded and all approved. The Planning Commission discussed items in his Resume, Letter of Interest and items discussed with him earlier in the meeting. Paul then motioned to exit Executive Session; Michael seconded and all approved. Paul motioned to recommend Langford Davidson to the Selectboard for an appointment for a seat on the Planning Commission; Andrew seconded and all approved.
9. **Announcements:** The next PC Meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 8th, 2024 at 5:30PM.
10. **Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM