

DRAFT MINUTES

Town of Peacham Planning Commission

7:00 p.m. on Tuesday November 8, 2022

Via Zoom

Present

Planning Commission members: Anna Rubin, Bruce Maclean, Marilyn Magnus, William Kempton

Zoning Administrator: Bob Hansen

Public: Laurie Kozar, Mark Milazzo

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM
2. Additions to the agenda: Anna Rubin referenced an email from Laurie Kozar calling attention to the All-Hazards Mitigation Plan adopted by the Town of Peacham 10/2/2019.
3. There were no minutes from previous meetings to approve. AR suggested returning to digital format for regular monthly meetings and considering in-person or hybrid format for special purposes. PC members agreed to this suggestion.
4. AR reported that a Bylaw Modernization Grant application was submitted to the VT Agency of Commerce and Community Development on Nov 1. Award decisions will be announced in Dec 2022 or Jan 2023. PC members and Bob Hansen considered priorities to guide the review process, should this grant be awarded, including updates that support multi-family housing in Village districts, clarify setback rules in Village and Rural districts, and address short-term rental issues.
5. PC members discussed the opportunity to apply for a Municipal Planning Grant and decided to focus on the bylaw modernization project at this time.
6. PC members considered the Noise Ordinance that was drafted in 2021. Mark Milazzo described noise from late-night fireworks that is detrimental to public health, comfort, safety, welfare and enjoyment of life. He also described excessive dog barking that infringes on his ability to enjoy his property. PC members considered strategies and approaches to noise issues. This topic will be continued during our December meeting. MM sent ordinances from East Montpelier that could serve as models.
7. PC members welcomed Laurie Kozar, who called attention to the All-Hazards Mitigation Plan, particularly the Mitigation Strategies outlined in Section 5 of the document (beginning on p. 47). These strategies include several action items to build community resilience related to the impacts of flooding, severe storms, prolonged cold, and intense winds. LK suggested that the Town of Peacham work with NVDA to apply for support through a Building Resistant Infrastructure and Communities sub-grant. AR will follow-up with Alison Low and report back next month.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 8:28PM.