

**DRAFT Minutes**  
**Town of Peacham Planning Commission**  
**Tues, Oct 17, 2023 7:00 PM**

**VIA ZOOM**

Present

Planning Commission: Adam Dobson, Marilyn Magnus, Katherine Siner, Bob Hansen, Anna Rubin

Selectboard: Alfred Dedam

Public: Jake Thomas, Ken Hammer

Anna R called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Anna R asked the PC members if the Commission should request approximately \$600 from the Town of Peacham to print and mail a notice about proposed updates to the bylaws and a public meeting to discuss these proposals. PC members agreed with this proposal.

Anna R asked for approval of draft minutes from August and September 2023. PC members approved the minutes with no changes.

Discussion followed regarding the Bylaw Modernization project.

Katherine S asked if the process of updating the bylaws would also simplify the language to make it easier for people to understand and follow regulations. She suggested that clearer language could encourage better compliance and business growth.

Adam D proposed asking PlaceSense consultants to send all updates that are necessary to comply with federal and state statute. Anna R will make this request.

Adam D suggested that additional text from the consultants could reflect aspirational goals to align with the latest Town Plan. In conversation that followed, aspirational planning goals were identified to include best practices for commercial activities, guidelines for ADUs, and incentives for Planned Unit Development. PC members agreed that these updates may take more public discussion.

Marilyn M proposed holding a public meeting for questions and discussions. Ken H supported this idea. PC members proposed that an in-person public meeting held in January at the Peacham Library with the ability to join virtually would be helpful.

Anna R will confirm the process for updating the bylaws at the next meeting. Anna R will update the Selectboard with a brief statement at an upcoming meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.