

DRAFT MINUTES
Town of Peacham Planning Commission
Tues, Nov 19, 2024 7:00 PM
VIA ZOOM

Present: Adam Dobson, Marilyn Magnus, Kathrine Siner, Anna Rubin

Anna R called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM

We opened with a discussion about the day and time of regular monthly meetings. While some PC members have difficulties participating in meetings at this time, we agreed there is no time that's free of conflict. Virtual meetings make it possible for many people to stay active and engaged. We will not change the day and time of regular monthly meetings (third Tuesday at 7:00 PM).

There was a discussion about the Peacham Village Store, and members expressed concern for the owner who is currently in Peacham. PC members are interested in supporting constructive efforts to help the owner. The Village Store is central to Peacham, and PC members are involved in efforts to work with the owner.

Anna R mentioned that she had not heard from the Selectboard after sending a message about Bylaw Modernization options. She had suggested a few options:

- Consider the proposed amendments provisionally, pending review from the Town's lawyer (suggested by Dave Edwards during the Public Hearing last month).
- Consider the proposed amendments that address ACT 47 issues and return the definition of a lot to the 2017 language (p 61):

LOT: A parcel of land distinguishable from other parcels by deed or by previous subdivision permit, or by not being intersected by a public road. For purposes of these regulations the term does not include any portions of a dedicated road right-of-way.

of access may be determined by the Development Review Board to be adequate as a condition of the issuance of a zoning permit.

- Reject the proposed amendments.

PC members supported the proposal to return to the 2017 language and only include amendments required by Act 47 at this time.

Katherine S and Anna R discussed the possible benefits of applying for support from the Village Trust Initiative, a program of the Preservation Trust of Vermont. This program offers financial and technical support for projects that are central to VT villages.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.