

WILLIAMSTOWN PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

MEETING HELD ON: March 11, 2020
Minutes - - (DRAFT COPY)

PRESENT: Rich Turner, CH, Susan Lyons, Jasmin Couillard, Horace Duke

The Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Agenda – Letter of Resignation received from Matt Rouleau

Minutes from Dec. 11, 2019 were also reviewed – Motion to accept as written made by Jasmin C. and 2nd by Susan L. Motion passed and minutes signed.

Horace D. Motion to accept Matt's letter of resignation with regret. 2ND by Jasmin C.

Rich T. Would like to thank Matt for his contributions and all his years on the Planning Commission!

New Business:

Rich T. Central VT Regional Planning - - A resolution adopting the Town of Williamstown, VT 2019 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan was presented to the Select Board at the Feb. 10, 2020 meeting and was accepted and signed that night.

Working on a Vacant Building Ordinance and sample ones from Barre and Montpelier were passed out. Discussion followed and suggestions made to start writing one for Williamstown.

Horace D. Do we have the same authority – for a town - as the cities do in a state statute? Something to ask Jackie. If so, which one would we use to regulate this ordinance?

Discussion followed on wording to use – taking some from both the Barre & Montpelier sample ordinances. Once typed up - - give Horace a call so he can re-view for corrections and additions.

Rich T. Looking at the Town of Williamstown's Outdoor Storage, Junk & Junk Vehicle Ordinance Dated Dec. 1, 1997 that was defeated at the Town Meeting in 1998.

Jasmin C. Francis Covey and others thought that it was too restrictive.

Rich T. We will look at working on a Junk Ordinance at the next meeting.

Jasmin C. We – the Select Board – had been working on a Junk Car Ordinance in the last year. Look at the wording and see if we can use any of it. Check with Jackie for a copy.

Rich T. Will also need to discuss Jackie's suggestion to do a separate Large and Small Animal Ordinance. Jackie suggested that the newest Dog Ordinance should not be changed since it was just adopted recently.

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Old Business:

Rich T. I attended a Regional Planning Commission meeting last night. I'll bring in some information. Also – on the Emerald Ashe Borer – we have received a \$500 Grant. Volunteers will be needed to take inventory on roads. The Storm Water Master Plan is still on hold for monies to be available. I am also on the Winooski National Resources Conservation Dist. And the Clean Water Planning Board.

Rich T. Any more comments? None.
Any further discussion? None.

Susan L. I will be out of town for the April meeting but will have the Minutes available.

Susan L. I'll make the Motion to adjourn – 2nd by Jasmin C. - - all in favor.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Next Meeting is for: April 8, 2020 - - 7:00 P.M.
