

WILLIAMSTOWN PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

MEETING HELD ON: January 13, 2021
Minutes - - (DRAFT COPY)

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

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

Agenda: Motion to approve the Minutes from Dec. 9, 2020 as written made by Jasmin C., 2nd by Susan L.

New Business:

- Rich T. I attended the BOC Meeting last night for the CVRPC and some of the issues being discussed were the COVID issues – specifically concerning Childcare, Homelessness, Housing which is currently being handled by some of the local hotels. Looking into purchasing homes to help out single Moms.
Broadband was also being discussed.
I will email the final report on Local Support and Community Action Team which talks about COVID responses and Economic Solutions. Please forward to Jasmin and make a hard copy for Horace.
- Rich T. I will be attending a meeting this Thursday with the Clean Water Advisory Committee and will be discussing the Storm Water Mgmt. Plan. Pam is still working on this Grant for Williamstown. Possibly in the spring or early summer there will be monies available.
- Rich T. Zach Maia worked on the Williamstown Efficiency VT Data report which we all have a copy of. If we have any input or comments on anything that would be helpful to us, please let him know.
- Susan L. This report doesn't mention anything concerning Solar? What incentives are available and how do we/they inform people about them?
- Rich T. Also recently attended the EAB meeting and there are new statutes in place. We need to discuss the dead trees and hold a public hearing to inform landowners/citizens.
At our next meeting we will need to up-date our Budget on the Grant. We were originally supposed to receive \$12,000 and had hoped to remove approximately 75 trees but will have to downsize to maybe 35 now as we were only awarded \$6,000. There will be 50 free trees available to landowners which we will have to order by March 31st and pick up by the end of April. (Bare root trees.)
I will get in touch with Jackie Higgins, the Town Mgr. to go over up-dating the budget. I believe that we can do this by reducing our "in-kind hours" to match the grant that we did receive.
We will also need to identify the trees to come down. Any landowners could keep the wood if they wanted – or the wood could be made available to other town residents for free. They would be responsible for picking up the wood. More discussion on this would be needed.
Gianna can help us with the decisions on which trees to cut. They were coded by diameter and entered on a digital map for our town.

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Susan L. Can the landowners be alerted about the diseased trees on their property so they can remove them themselves?
Would they be able to receive some of the free replacement trees?
Also – do we have access to our digital map for our town?

Rich T. The VT Urban & Community Forestry Program has I-Pads available on loan to see where our trees are.
Bio-Control mentioned that there is a certain kind of Wasp that will eat the EAB bug.

Old Business:

Rich T. Asked Jasmin what was happening with the Large Animal Ordinance and the Abandoned Building Ordinance.

Jasmin C. Discussed what the Select Board was doing with **Old Business:** regards to both Ordinances.

Rich T. Any other Business to discuss? None - -

Susan L. I will make the Motion to adjourn – 2nd by Jasmin C.
Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Next Meeting is for: February 10, 2021 - - 7:00 P.M.
