

WILLIAMSTOWN PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

**MEETING HELD ON: December 08, 2021
Minutes - - (DRAFT COPY)**

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

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Office.

Agenda: Motion to approve the Minutes from November 10, 2021 as written, made by Jasmin C. – 2nd by Horace D. All approved.

New Business:

Rich T. Anything to add to the Agenda?

Dave T. Yes – under “Other business: I want to share a conversation that I had with Chris Dessureau.

Rich. T. I have the Nov. 23rd Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda and Minutes to share with everyone. It was a pretty straight forward meeting and one point of interest was the “MyRide Transit Service”. You can call ahead to set up appointments to be picked up, and it’s on an App which makes it easier to schedule pick ups.

Rich T. I also attended the Nov. 9th Meeting of the CVRPC and have the Draft copy of the Minutes available for everyone to look at.
Question regarding the Municipal dues - - Were our dues for the year o.k’d?

Jasmin C. Yes – our proposed Budget was o.k’d.

Rich T. Re the ACT 171 Webinar meeting. Andy Wood and Jens Hilke talked about wildlife, et al. I would like to invite them to one of our meetings.
Jamie Stewart will be reviewing our Town Plan & Regulations. This is something that they do - look at every Town Plan every 10 years. Looking at towns with and without zoning.

Horace D. We looked at “Interim Zoning” – but every fence had to go to the Planning Commission for approval. Not a good idea, especially for farmers. We do have some zoning through the State.
(Comment made – they don’t always enforce zoning issues.)

Jasmin C. We do have some Town zoning - The Flood Plan; Vacant Building Ordinance for example.
Rich T. The EAB plan was supposed to be done by Jan. 15, 2022 but there was a conflict with the date as someone had also noted the date of March 31, 2022 for completion. So – we have an extension to get everything in – by April 15th – a complete report. I’ll need to find some time to get with Jackie on this.
I will need to order some bare root trees and we will need to look after them for 3 years. Part of the Grant was an obligation for 50 trees.

Old/New Business:

- Rich T. Any other Business to discuss?
- Dave T. I saw Chris Dessureau recently and he was mentioning his interest in the Rosewood Inn. His thoughts are to tear it down and build a three-story, low-income housing unit. He told me that he had bought two of the Meadow Street apartments.
- Jasmin C. Yes, and he bought Pete Gilbert's Apartment building on Beckett Street.
- Dave T. He's trying to do more for low-income folks. He also asked if the Catholic Church was for sale. He would like to purchase it and turn it into a Community Center.
- Jasmin C. It's in their Deed – they cannot sell it to another religious group.
- Dave T. My question - should he come to a Planning Commission meeting first?
- Jasmin C. Yes – a Planning Commission meeting first.
- Dave T. He said that he has plans and backing for the Catholic Church but is having trouble with the Diocese. Could we help him with this?
- Jasmin C. I'm all for Chris D. improving the town. When Jackie got the keys to the Rosewood Inn the Selectboard had a chance to go in and look around. There are some issues because of water damage. There is some beautiful woodwork in there. Clayton seems to think that the foundation is o.k. - - not so.
There has been conversations on the Bill Town Community page and some people are upset about the idea of tearing it down.
Rodney suggested that we have a public forum to ask the townspeople their thoughts.
Discussion followed.
- Dave T. I'll ask Chris to a meeting to hear his plans. The January 12th, 2022 meeting o.k.?
- Rich T. I might be going out of town but I can confirm that and get back to you.
- Rich T. Any other Business to discuss? None - -
- Susan L. I will make the Motion to adjourn – 2nd by Jasmin C.
Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 P.M.
- Next Meeting is for: January 12, 2022 – 7:00 P.M.
