

The Town of St. Albans
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
Meeting held via Zoom Conference Call
April 14th, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes

Present: G. Henderson (Chair), E. Creley (Clerk), Casey Toof, Anne Pomeroy, Al Voegele
Staff Present: Ned Connell, AJ Johnson, Administrative Assistant
Public Present: Hannah Rounds

Zoom Meeting ID: 640-727-0668
Pasword: 1234

CALL TO ORDER

G. Henderson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

WELCOME AL VOEGELE TO THE PC

The PC welcomed new (returning) member, A. Voegele to the PC. Al has served on the PC before and is filling the position previously held by B. Brigham. The PC thanked B. Brigham for his service.

RESCHEDULE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The PC agreed to hold the Organizational meeting at a future meeting. The Organizational meeting is to elect the Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk of the PC. The PC will also re-adopt their Rules of Procedure at the date chosen.

AUTHORIZATION FOR CHAIR TO SIGN A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR A PROPOSED SOLAR ARRAY ALONG LOWER NEWTON RD AT GPS COORDINATES 44.831802, 73.092037 ON LAND OWNED BY TOM HUNGERFORD

N. Connell explained that the PC had heard this presentation in the past. A. Voegele asked if this application had been deemed a preferred site. It had. The Selectboard signed a letter deeming it a preferred site at their April 6th meeting. Regional Planning had also provided a letter. The PC agreed to authorize the Chair to sign a letter of support.

MOTION: E. Creley made a motion to authorize Chair, G. Henderson to sign a letter of support for the above-mentioned solar array. A. Pomeroy seconded. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

DISCUSSION – FUTURE JOING MEETING WITH THE SELECTBOARD ON MONDAY, APRIL 27TH, 2020

The Planning Commission will have a joint meeting with the Selectboard to discuss future goals for the Planning Commission and the Capital Improvement Program. G. Henderson wondered if it would benefit the PC to have a meeting on April 21st to make sure the PC has a united understanding of the CIP and how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected it. G. Henderson would like to invite Town Manager, C. Johnson to join the PC for the April 21st meeting so she can answer the PC's questions regarding the budget and CIP and legal questions regarding using the Town's Local Options Tax.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

H. Rounds introduced herself to the PC. Hannah is interested in joining the Planning Commission.

OTHER BUSINESS

N. Connell stated the first public hearing for the St. Albans Bay Village Designation will be Monday, April 20th at the Selectboard meeting which will be held via zoom.

G. Henderson had general questions about the CIP which the PC agreed to discuss that the next PC meeting.

C. Toof wondered how much the LOT revenue will be affected due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

SCHEDULE

The PC will meet via zoom on Tuesday, April 21st. A joint meeting will be held with the Selectboard on Tuesday, April 27th.

MINUTES

The PC agreed to approve the minutes from the previous meeting once they were reviewed by all members.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: A. Pomeroy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
AJ Johnson, Administrative Assistant

Grant Henderson, Chair

Date

Erin Creley, Clerk

Date

Casey Toof

Date

Anne Pomeroy

Date

Al Voegele

Date