

TOWN OF KILLINGTON PLANNING COMMISSION
Meeting of July 13, 2016

PRESENT: David Rosenblum, Chair
Walter Linnemayr, Clerk
Vito Rasenas
Andy Salamon
Vince Wynn

START: 7:30 p.m.
END: 8:35 p.m.

Richard Horner, Town Planner
Lucrecia Wonsor, Recording Secretary

ABSENT: Jennifer Conley; Chris Karr

GUESTS: Deborah Schwartz; Steve Selbo

David Rosenblum, Chair opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Wynn moved the Agenda be accepted as may be amended. Rasenas seconded. All in Favor.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Wynn moved the Minutes of June 22, 2016 be accepted as may be amended. Wynn seconded. All in favor.

3. CITIZEN'S INPUT

Steve Selbo advised that SP Land obtained a ruling from the Environmental Court on June 21st that carried a Motion to Alter process and a Motion to Appeal process. The Regional Commissions filed a Motion to Alter to which SP Land filed their response today. They expect to have a ruling on that Motion within 90 days after which there is still a possibility of Appeal to the Supreme Court. Should there be an appeal to the Supreme Court, that process can take up to 18 months.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Notice to Amend Act 250 approval for the Hillside Inn Parking Project. The parking lot will be reduced in size to accommodate State required stormwater permits.
- b. Water/Wastewater Permit for Mosher to subdivide land on Lombard Hill Road. It will require a town subdivision permit.
- c. Water/Wastewater Permit to relocate the Umbrella Bar to the Snowshed location.

5. PLANNER'S REPORT

- a. The Commission set its next meeting dates for July 27 and August 10, 2016.

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b. Three Technical Proposals were received for the Killington Road Scoping Study. Horner, Town Manager, Debby Schwartz and Highway and Facilities Director, Chet Hagenbarth narrowed it down to two firms and they will be interviewing one on July 14th and the other on July 22nd. This study will be looking at bus stops, bus shelters, crosswalks and sidewalk segments on Killington Road. Horner asked the Commission if there is anything else they would like this study to look at. Salamon asked that they look at and research different types of road marking paint. Wynn asked that they look for alternatives to the current street lighting fixtures.

c. Town Manager, Debby Schwartz will be updating the Strategic Operating Plan and asked if the Commission had any additions they would want to see in the document. She will be presenting the updated Strategic Plan to the Select Board at the August 2nd meeting and she wants to include the interests and concerns of the various Town Commissions. Horner noted that the Planning Commission has been working on Complete Streets and updating the aesthetics of the Killington Road which complements one of the goals in the Strategic Plan. Discussion turned to economic development with Rasenas noting that he would like to see a de-escalation of spending on EDT and refocusing the Option Tax Funds to the physical aspects in Town, ie roads, sidewalks, etc. Wynn advised that he is not necessarily opposed to the EDT budget but thinks there is an over emphasis on marketing and promotion and he would like to see more of a balance between bringing in tourism and growing some organic businesses.

d. Horner completed the E-911 annual update.

e. Town Attorney, Kevin Brown entered a motion in the Durkee appeal of the Planning Commission's Site Plan Review Approval.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. **Energy Facilities Siting Discussion** – Horner provided the Commission with copies of the S230 bill. He advised that once the Regional Planning Commissions determine their standards, then we would amend our Town Plan to cite the Regional Commission language which would give the Town Party Status in 248 Public Service Board Hearings. According to the Regional Commission's website they are supposed to complete this by July, 2017 and Horner suggested waiting until they have this together before amending our Town Plan. After some discussion, the consensus of the Commission was that it was not pre-mature to start discussing language regarding screening and noise standards.

b. **Sign Discussion** – In reviewing other town ordinances (Stowe, Manchester, Burlington), Horner found that they all treat lighted signs in the same manner as we do. We have allowed some limited use of lit interior signs and Horner advised that he has not had any problems. He suggested the Commission start slow and allow LED lit marquis signs. After some brief discussion, consensus was that Horner should continue to research this and develop some language.

7. OTHER BUSINESS – None.

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8. COMMISSIONER'S CONCERNS

a. Rosenblum noted that Green Mountain Power has replaced several telephone poles but did not remove the old ones.

Linnemayr moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Rasenas seconded. All in favor.

The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for July 27, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucrecia Wonsor
Recording Secretary

NOTE: These minutes have not been approved by the Planning Commission and are, therefore, subject to change.