

TOWN OF KILLINGTON PLANNING COMMISSION
Meeting of November 9, 2016

PRESENT: Jennifer Conley, Vice Chair
Walter Linnemayr, Clerk
Vito Rasenas
Andy Salamon

START: 7:30 p.m.
END: 8:55 p.m.

Richard Horner, Town Planner
Lucrecia Wonsor, Recording Secretary

ABSENT: Chris Karr; David Rosenblum; Vince Wynn

GUESTS: Barbara Ashworth; Coral Elles; Maxell Elles; Randy Elles; Lorraine Fielder;
Ely Kirschner; Ken Lee; Kathy Quaglia; Deborah Schwartz; Steve Selbo

Jennifer Conley, Vice Chair opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Rasenas moved the Agenda be amended to move item 6a to item 2. Linnemayr seconded. All in Favor.

2. NEW BUSINESS

a. **Consultant Presentation: Bus Stops, Crosswalks and Sidewalk Locations** - Horner introduced David Raphael from LandWorks, one of our consultants who will be working with DuBois and King on the final phase of how to improve the Killington Road. The Town has received a grant to explore locations for bus shelters, crosswalks and sections of walkway on the downhill side of the Killington Road. This project will focus on the area between Weathervane Road and the Killington Mountain Inn. Mr. Raphael reviewed the key elements of the project which are to identify placement of bus shelters and pull-offs; locations for pedestrian crosswalks and areas in which to build sections of sidewalk connecting the crosswalks from the Killington Road Walkway to businesses on the downhill side of the road. The purpose of this evening's meeting was to obtain feedback from the community on ways to improve the Killington Road using these elements as well as explore other features/elements that would improve the road to create a sense of place and a destination apart from it being the access to the resort. The floor was open for comment. Bus shelters were discussed and consensus was that they should match the character of the road. One idea was to have them look similar to the pedestrian covered bridge. It was suggested that snow drifting be considered in the design and location of the shelters. It was also suggested that the road be made more biker friendly by posting "Share The Road" signs and placing rumble strips between the edge of the road and the shoulder of the road to create a safer biking area. Mr. Raphael brought with him 3 posters of aerial views of the Killington Road. He will be leaving the poster boards at the Town Office for the community to look at and provide their feedback on Post-It Notes. He will take tonight's feedback together with any left on Post-Its over the next few weeks and will begin to develop some alternatives for consideration. He will provide the Commission with progress documents and will return in

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March to do another presentation to the Commission and Community regarding proposed alternatives. He will then work through the costs and feasibility of the alternatives and make a final report in June.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Rasenas moved the Minutes of October 26, 2016 be accepted as may be amended. Linnemayr seconded. 3 in Favor; 1 Abstained. Motion Passed.

4. CITIZEN'S INPUT

a. Steve Selbo advised that the Environmental Court Judge has expedited the hearing on the SP Land Act 250 Appeal. The hearing will take place mid-December. The Judge issued a Summary Judgement on two of the eight items in the appeal and he will take testimony on the remaining six at the hearing.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Outside Consumption Permit for Killington Base Lodge for November 24-26th.

6. PLANNER'S REPORT

a. The Commission set its next meeting dates for December 14, 2016, January 11, 2017 and January 25, 2017.

b. Horner distributed copies of the proposed bus stops provided by The Bus and advised that many are in line with what the Commission has discussed in the past, as well as with where benches are currently located. He has provided a copy of this list to David Raphael.

c. Andrew Gieda recently purchased the former Wise Real Estate building on the Killington Road. He came in with a hand drawn sketch of an improved parking lot but had to go out of Town before he was able to drop off the completed application. As soon as he does so, Horner will warn a hearing.

d. Regarding the fence issue between the Butternut and the Reitter property, Jim Haff has inquired if he were to tear down the pool building if the fence condition would go away. Horner is gathering information to send to the Attorney for his review, however, it is Horner's thought that if Mr. Haff were to come in for Site Plan Review to tear down that section of the building, the Commission could revisit the conditions since it was that building that caused the issue to begin with.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Following up on the affordable housing discussion at the last meeting, Salamon advised that he was at a Habitat for Humanity statewide meeting in Montpelier Saturday and was talking to the someone from the Upper Valley/Hartford Habitat office who was somewhat involved in

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the Safford Commons Affordable housing project in Woodstock because there were rental buildings. He found out that the people in the Safford Commons would not have qualified for this type of housing under the Habitat for Humanity regulations. Habitat's vetting process is much stricter. There was one family that had many police calls due to a domestic issue and that family is no longer there. She suggested if Killington does want to include affordable housing it should not zone a specific area for that purpose. It should be integrated into the community. Salamon shared the name of the Executive Director for the Twin Pines Housing Trust, the developer of the Safford Commons project.

b. Further on beautification of the Town, Salamon shared a story about an effort by Habitat to revitalize a derelict area in the City of Claremont, NH. The organization went to Home Depot and purchased potted plants and placed two plants outside each home, making the area look nicer. Just a thought/suggestion when thinking of ways to beautify the Killington Road.

8. COMMISSIONER'S CONCERNS – None.

Linnemayr moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Rasenas seconded. All in favor.

The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for December 14, 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.