

**TOWN OF KILLINGTON
SPECIAL SELECT BOARD MEETING
&
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
KPAA Welcome Center
August 28, 2019**

SELECTBOARD: Steve Finneron, Chair
Chuck Claffey
Jim Haff
Chet Hagenbarth, Town Manager

START: 7:30 p.m.
END: 9:30 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION: David Rosenblum, Chair
Jennifer Conley, Vice Chair
Chris Karr
Vito Rasenas
Andy Salamon
Vince Wynn
Preston Bristow, Interim Town Planner
Lucrecia Wonsor, Recording Secretary

GUESTS: Evan Detrick, VHB Engineering; Beverly Anderson; Vicki Baraiolo; Noreen Binder; Deb Burke; Mike Coppinger, KPAA Director; Pete DeCota; Dotty DeCota; Marc Dinges; Harry Dorcus; Deborah Dorcus; Sue Durant; Steve Durkee; Randy Elles; Andrew Gieda; David Gouchberg; Matthew Gouchberg; Louise Hansson; Jeanne Karlhuber; Pat Keim; Ely Kirschner; Jean Leete; Barry Leete; George Linzee, Rob Megnin; Ann Meginin; Matthew Meservey; Linn Minard; Whit Montgomery; Craig Mosher; Devon Neary, RRPC; Curt Peterson; Gail Reitter; Roger Rivera; Gerrie Russell; Nan Salamon; Mike Salimano; Robert Salmeri; Steve Selbo; Barbara Simon; Tom Soriano; Jeff Temple; Bill Vines; Keith Whitcomb; Steve Wilkins; Ken Wonsor

1. OPEN MEETING AND WELCOME

Selectboard Chair, Steve Finneron, opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. and turned the meeting over to the Planning Commission.

Planning Commission Chair, David Rosenblum, welcomed everyone, and after introductions were made, advised the purpose of the meeting was to gather ideas that may be incorporated into a plan that will be used to apply for grants to make improvements to the Killington Road. Commissioner Conley disclosed that she works for the consulting firm that has been hired to do this project.

2. KILLINGTON ROAD MASTER PLAN KICKOFF

Town Manager, Chet Hagenbarth, gave a brief history of the Killington Road noting that the last major reconstruction of the road took place in 1986/1988. The road is again approaching a point of reconstruction to address deteriorating culverts, the sub-grade, etc. and there is no plan for how we want the road to look both from an infrastructure perspective and what types of amenities we would like incorporated into the road, ie bike lanes, walking paths, bus pull-offs,

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lighting, traffic lights, etc. He expects the planning process to take about a year and will be done through the Planning Commission. He hopes all interested parties, particularly the businesses along the Killington Road, the Resort and SP Land will be involved in the process. The goal is to have a Master Plan for the Killington Road that will serve the town well for another 40 years and will be a road this town can be proud of.

Evan Detrick from VHB gave a PowerPoint presentation explaining the scope of the project, timeline and next steps. He explained how the conceptual plan will be developed and noted that when completed, the plan will include details for lighting, bus stops and other amenities, will provide cost estimates for construction, enough detail to apply for grant monies and will hopefully have the widespread support of the community. Another public workshop to gather more input is expected to take place in January, 2020 in order to develop conceptual plans for presentation at a Planning Commission/Public meeting in June, 2020 with final submission of conceptual plans expected in August, 2020.

Rosenblum opened the floor for comment from both the public and the Planning Commission. Comments and ideas expressed included: i) having a transportation plan as part of the Master Plan; ii) shared use paths or even 2-way shared use paths separate from the road; iii) extend bike paths from the Killington Road along Route 4; iv) pedestrian sidewalks along the entire length of the road; v) considerations for stormwater mitigation/runoff and a water system to promote and support development along the road; vi) incorporate recreation pathways that connect to features along the Roaring Brook corridor; vii) enclosed bus stops and a water system that supports not only drinking water but fire hydrants; viii) consider using roundabouts where possible; ix) look at the Route 4/Route 100/Killington Road interchange and develop a plan to improve safety; x) need to preserve the small town flavor when incorporating safety features; xi) incorporate traffic calming features along the road; xii) consider using tunnels in place of crosswalks; xiii) encourage study of traffic patterns in the winter when looking at lane configuration of the road; xiv) consider moving power lines underground; and xv) inlaid colored blocks for crosswalks and rapid blinking lights to alert drivers of pedestrians crossing the road.

Rosenblum thanked everyone for coming and providing comments.

Jim Haff moved to adjourn the Selectboard meeting at 8:53 p.m. All in Favor.

3. RECONVENE PUBLIC HEARING

Chair, David Rosenblum, re-convened the Public Hearing at 8:55 pm on Application #19-028 by Butternut Properties for an amendment to Site Plan #87-193 regarding the placement of a required fence on the northeast side of the property located at 63 Weathervane Road.

Guests who remained for the public hearing were Jim Haff, Gail Reitter, George Linzee, Chet Hagenbarth, Steve Selbo and Ken Wonsor.

Rosenblum recapped the events of the last meeting. He noted that prior to the hearing on August 14th there was a site visit at which one relevant observation was that there was a significant difference in the elevation of the Reitter property to the Butternut property in that the Reitter property is lower than the Butternut property. Comments made during the August 14th meeting highlighted the main issues being headlights, noise and snow removal related to the placement of the fence. There was another site visit at 5 pm on August 15th led by Commissioner Conley. Rosenblum and Bristow were also present as were Jim Haff and Gail Reitter. Conley relayed what was observed during the site visit. She took measurements and discussed the needs of both the Butternut and the Reitter properties and attempted to come to a solution that all could live with.

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Bristow drafted a proposed Findings and Decision to which Conley made some minor edits and was awaiting a plan from Mr. Haff memorializing the compromise reached at the site visit. Bristow advised that he did not receive a plan. He reviewed the correspondence/communications he did receive and which he entered into the record: i) an email from Gail Reitter at 11:00 am this morning explaining why she was foregoing the agreement reached at the site visit; ii) a memo from Bristow to the Commission with copies to Jim Haff, Gail Reitter with his observations on the Bylaw; iii) a narrative description with a picture of the proposed fence was received from Mr. Haff at 5:30 pm and iv) a response from Gail Reitter received and distributed to the Commission at 7:00 pm.

Conley wished to clarify that her goal in meeting and working with the two parties at the site visit was to work with Mr. Haff to put forward the best proposal that could possibly satisfy the next door neighbor. She noted that the Commission is aware that Mr. Haff is in violation of his permit as it stands, however, at the last meeting some Commissioners commented that some of the conditions of that original permit seemed particularly onerous and that the distances on the approved 1987 site plan did not add up. Therefore, her intention was to try and develop a compromise that was in keeping with the spirit of the original decision but that was something both parties could agree to.

Wynn noted that the Commission has enough information and moved to close the hearing and begin the deliberation period. Conley seconded. 5 in Favor; Rasenas recused.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Wynn moved that the Agenda be approved as may be amended. Conley seconded. All in favor.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Conley moved the Minutes of August 14, 2019 be approved as may be amended. Wynn seconded. There being no amendments, vote on minutes as written. All in Favor.

6. CITIZEN'S INPUT – None.

7. OTHER BUSINESS – None.

Conley moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. Rasenas seconded. All in Favor.

The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for September 25, 2019 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.