

TOWN OF KILLINGTON PLANNING COMMISSION
Meeting of February 26, 2020

PRESENT: David Rosenblum, Chair
Jenifer Conley, Vice Chair
Walter Linnemayr, Clerk
Chris Karr
Vito Rasenas
Andy Salamon
Vince Wynn

START: 7:32 p.m.
END: 8:22 p.m.

Preston Bristow, Interim Town Planner
Lucrecia Wonsor, Recording Secretary

1. OPEN MEETING & WELCOME

David Rosenblum, Chair opened the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. ANNUAL KPSRP PERMITTED PROJECT STATUS & NEW PROPOSALS REPORT

Jeff Temple was not present, therefore, this agenda item was tabled.

4. REVIEW OF CIRCA 2008 KILLINGTON BANNER ORDINANCE

Bristow distributed copies of the Banner Ordinance adopted April 21, 2008 noting that the ordinance states that banners are prohibited unless a permit is granted and then it is only allowed to be displayed for 14 days. The ordinance does not address feather flags and there has been a proliferation of these in town and they are displayed usually all summer and sometimes throughout the winter as well. He asked for guidance/recommendations from the Commission on how they would like this ordinance enforced and whether it needs to be updated.

Karr noted: i) As a Resort town that has peak and shoulder seasons where not all businesses remain open year-round, it is helpful and necessary to have "Open" signs/flags so that visitors can easily identify those businesses that are open. There was discussion that these flags should be taken in each day at the close of business and put out when the business opens the next day. ii) The Town banners on the telephone poles along Route 4 are showing wear and in need of repair/replacement. iii) Businesses along Route 4 should be given more leeway with regard to signs because traffic is passing at a higher rate of speed and good signage is key to attracting customers as they pass through. iv) There does need to be control over the length of time and location that banners advertising alcoholic beverages/events are displayed.

Salamon expressed concern with banners displayed across the road in that they may be distracting to drivers. He also noted banners advertising events should be removed within a few days after the event has ended.

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Wynn noted that in past discussion regarding signs and banners the objective was to reduce clutter and establish some type of standardization. He felt some type of limit and standardization is appropriate.

Conley felt there should be a section that addresses informational banners, ie open flags, and a section that addresses banners advertising product and events.

There was brief discussion regarding sandwich boards which are considered off premise sign. There are a couple businesses off the road that do display a sandwich board. These are usually displayed and removed on a daily basis. Linnemayr felt that sandwich boards are a non issue and show be left alone. The few businesses that use them, do so responsibly.

Discussion concluded with Conley suggesting Bristow put together a draft revised Banner Ordinance for recommendation to the Select Board which the Commission can review at its next meeting.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Conley moved that the Minutes of January 8, 2020 be approved as may be amended. Linnemayr seconded. There being no amendments, vote on minutes as written. All in Favor.

6. CITIZEN'S INPUT – None.

7. OTHER BUSINESS – None.

8. PLANNER'S REPORT

a. The Planner's Office has been relocated from the Town Clerk's side of the building to the Town Manager's side.

b. There have been four permits issued to date this year: i) a new deck at a residence on Great Trail Road; ii) two lot subdivision off Old Coach Road; iii) a new single family dwelling on Hight Mountain Road; and iv) two lot subdivision off Moon Ridge Road.

c. The Select Board held its first hearing on the Short-Term Rental Amendments on February 25th. A final hearing is scheduled for March 18.

d. The Municipal Grant Application to update the Zoning Regulations and Map was denied. Ed Bove at the Rutland Regional Planning Commission has offered to with Town Manager, Chester Hagenbarth and Bristow to review the bylaws and make suggested changes at an hourly rate. Salamon added that Ed Bove advised him that the reason we did not receive the grant is that Killington does not have a Village Center. All the grants went to communities that have Village Centers.

e. Conley provided an update on the Killington Road Master Plan noting that it may be good to schedule a hearing for April to update the Commission and the public.

f. The Butternut fence is not yet up.

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g. The Connolly (Killington Mountain House) appeal had its first hearing before the Environmental Court on February 24th. Bristow did not attend but Whit Montgomery did.

9. COMMISSIONER'S CONCERNS

a. Salamon commented on the canopy style solar charging stations that Town Manager, Chet Hagenbarth, has been discussing with the Select Board. He suggested that if the plan is to install these at the Library and Town Office, they need to be aesthetically pleasing to the eye. He feels the Planning Commission should be talking about this since businesses will be looking to provide charging stations at their properties. Conley suggested that Bristow look at what other tourist towns similar to Killington are doing

b. Rasenas asked if the Commission is interested in changing the meeting time to 6:30 pm. There was brief discussion but not enough interest to change the meeting time at this point.

c. Linnemayr again brought up the accumulation of wrecked vehicles in the Killington Auto lot. Bristow will follow up with the owners.

d. Karr noted there are several lights along the Killington Road Walkway that are not working. He asked that these be fixed.

Linnemayr moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m. Conley seconded. All in Favor.

The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2020 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.