

Johnson Planning Commission Meeting Draft Minutes

Johnson Municipal Building

Monday March 5th, 2018

Board Members Present: Charles Gallanter, Phillip Wilson, David Butler, Kim Dunkley and Paul Warden.

Other visitors: Meghan Rodier of LCPC, Scott Meyer

1. David called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M.
2. Kim motioned to accept the minutes from February 5th as amended. Paul seconded. Rob abstained. The minutes passed.
3. David brought up the discrepancy between found in the wording used in the Johnson Form Based Code. In some places within the document where the code is named a Johnson Village Form Based Code and in other Johnson Form Based Code. Brian Story has requested the planning commission clarify what the document is titled and named throughout. Paul motioned standardizing the document title and throughout the document as "Johnson Form Based Code". Kim seconded the motion. All members voted in favor with Charles abstaining. The motion passed.
4. Phillip discussed the plans for Town Meeting Day. The planning commission has a booth with the document and maps. Paul and Kim D. volunteered to be at the booth at 8am tomorrow morning. Scott Meyer volunteered to speak at Town Meeting on behalf of the steering committee if necessary. Kim is going to look for some additional information to have at the booth at Town Meeting.
5. Three members have terms expiring this March and those members will need to decide whether or not they would like to ask the Select Board to be reappointed to another term. Eben Patch has also resigned from the planning commission. That position will be advertised.
6. Meghan brought up where the commission is in the Enhanced Energy Chapter writing. Last month the commission discussed energy citing. This month she would like to discuss recommendations to meet our energy goals. Kim would like to see community based solar as an action item. Phillip discussed the need to improve energy efficiency within the old housing stock in the town. David brought out up the proposal to put a bus stop at the Maplefields. Johnson is not currently served by Green Mountain Transit. Scott proposed polling people at Town Meeting 2019 to get some data on usage to propose to Green Mountain Transit. (Scott left at 8:08 P.M.) Kim brought up rail trail connectivity and how that can be a part of our transportation strategies. Much discussion was had on how to utilize efficiency Vermont's resources and how to promote those to the town and village residents. Solar development on town property was also proposed. The commission would like to study the feasibility of energy development on town property, specifically the old landfill along the Gihon River.

7. The commission reviewed the comments back from the conservation commission. The verbiage on highest priority forest blocks was left as written in the first draft. The verbiage on fencing recommendations was removed by the commission.
8. Kim D. motioned to adjourn. Kim C. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:01. The next scheduled meeting is April 2nd at the Johnson Municipal Building, 7:00 P.M.