

Johnson Planning Commission Meeting Draft Minutes

Johnson Municipal Building

Tuesday June 4th, 2018

Board Members Present: Phillip Wilson, David Butler, Kim Dunkley, Paul Warden. Charles Gallanter, Kim Cotnoir, Kyle Hill, Rob Rodriguez, Greg Tatro

Other visitors:

1. David called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M.
2. Kim motioned to accept the minutes for the February meeting as written. Rob seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Rob asked to discuss with the committee the high speed internet committee's progress. He was added to the top of the agenda. The broadband committee has spoken to Comcast, Consolidated Communications and EC Fiber and is working on a survey to distribute around the town understand interest in high speed internet. MC Fiber already has a fiber optic line running over French Hill Road between Cambridge and Stowe. Connecting on to that line and distributing fiber would be the most straight forward proposal in Rob's opinion. The concerns with MC are they would own the infrastructure after paying of the initial bonds for the project and the business itself is relatively new and has limited experience.
4. The commission moved on to discussion of class 4 roads and trails. The committee worked to finalize their recommendations to the select board in updating our road classification system. After much discussion the following motions were voted and passed:
 - a. Kim D. motioned to set a rule that class 4 roads and trails would be thrown if there is no discernable public use and no residence on the road, unless the property owns objects. Kim C. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Rob abstaining.
 - b. Charles motioned that any class 4 town road with no residence on it as of today be changed in designation to a trail. Rob seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - c. Kim D. motioned that class 4 town roads on properties owned by the state be thrown up. Greg seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
 - d. Phillip motioned that class 4 town roads should be designated as trails after the driveway of the last residence. Kim D. seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The planning commission intentionally left the definition of residence to the select board to define.
5. Paul motioned to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:04P.M. The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday July 2nd at the Johnson Municipal Building, 7:00 P.M.