

Minutes for Johnson Planning Commission

For February 2, 2021

Meeting began at 7:09

Attending: Charlie Gallanter, Kim Dunklee, Rob Rodriguez, Kyle Hill, Paul Warden

Agenda: Tonight's meeting was to talk about what topics the Commission members might be interested in pursuing in 2021:

1. Discussion on whether topic of Sewer Extensions should be taken up by JPC (Johnson Planning Commission) in the future. We decided it was an important task to discuss where potential development might occur.
2. Act 250 Revisions-we decided that more information was needed and that it would remain 'on our radar', but is a lower priority at the moment.
3. Retail Marijuana-also need more information which should be forthcoming, so again, will remain 'on our radar', but lower priority at the moment.
4. Enhanced Energy Plan (which is a chapter in our town/village plan); It was brought to our attention that though it was formally adopted by the Village, the town had not done the required public meetings to adopt it. Kim was tasked with calling Brian to ask if this could be followed up on.
5. Short discussion on the need for single family housing, how it might affect Johnson's economy, how school ratings play into that, and the discussion expanded into the question of what was happening on Jewett property, which sounded like it was on hold due to no grants to secure funding for implementing infrastructure. Question was posed on how to create incentives not to break-up single family housing into apartments?
6. Discussed the need to keep informed about what was happening with NVU. What is in the works? Does the state have information? How do we move forward to keep Johnson's best interest in the game?
7. A few ideas taken from tasks listed in our town/village report were discussed: the possibility of creating a Park and Ride? Sharrows for Clay Hill? and looking into the PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) program for possible benefits to Johnson.
8. Under Recreation we also talked about need for improved access to Old Mill Park, potential for River access there? Bike trail system (like Kingdom trails), and signage for Rail Trail.
9. Class 4 roads will also be an ongoing topic that we will continue to pursue with Select Board input, especially with renewed interest in the ATV arena.

10. We discussed needing to set a date for discussing priorities with the Selectboard – soon or wait until after elections?
11. We discussed needing a definite list of members and term expiration dates to facilitate discussions of reappointment

Meeting adjourned at 8:23