

Berlin, VT
Planning Commission Meeting
February 26, 2020
7:00 PM

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Planning Commissioner Members Present: Karla Nuisl (KN), Polly McMurtry (PM) and David Huber (DH)

Absent: Jared Felch (JF), Jacob Coakwell (JC)

Others: Brandy Saxton (BS), Thomas Badowski (TB).

7:00 PM Call to Order by Chair Nuisl

Approval of Minutes: PM Moved and DH Second a Motion to approve the February 12, 2020, Minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.

New Town Center

Place Sense – BS thanked the Commission for the opportunity to work with Berlin in its NTC pursuit. BS suggesting March 6, 2020, as joint meeting of Selectboard and Commission. Other standing town committees to be invited.

Discussion of Official Map and NTC Boundary Map. TB to work with Paul Simon to gather NTC germane information from various projects in and around NTC, including surveys, traffic studies, CADD files, etc.

Discussion of Commission's role in Capital Budget development, water and wastewater allocation commitment, and wetland delineation was had. Commission members will be individually tasked with spearheading these and other NTC application components.

Discussion on adoption of numerous pieces of NTC application. In an effort to streamline the approval process, BS to supply "how to" script to staff as they work with Selectboard to streamline.

VOREC Grant – TB distributed in advance denial letter from VT ANR on VORAC Grant request for recreational path in NTC. Other grant opportunities to be pursued.

Public Works Bond Vote – TB reminded Commission of Town Meeting vote that impacts NTC.

Neighborhood Development Areas

TB met with Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission and Jacob Hemmerick on NDA for Berlin Corners and Riverton. For Berlin Corners, NDA may be perceived to be competing with NTC. For Riverton, lack of municipal water and wastewater would make NDA prohibitive there. For these reasons, TB recommending not to pursue NDA at this time.

Village Wastewater Solutions – Riverton

TB shared in advance VDHCA guidance documents of development of community wastewater treatment in rural villages. Several income producing property owners in Riverton have expressed an interest in pursuing such opportunities in Riverton. Commission will add this item to the March 11, 2020, meeting agenda.

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Adjourn Chair KN adjourned at 8:38 PM