

Berlin, VT
Planning Commission Meetings
Wednesday, July 25, 2018
7:00 PM

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Planning Commissioner Members Present: Karla Nuisl (KN), Clara Ayer (CA), Gary Laroche (GL) and Geoff Ferrell (GF).

Absent: Shane Mispel (SM)

Others: David Delcore (DD) and Thomas Badowski (TB).

7:05 PM Call to Order by Chair Nuisl

Public Comment: NONE

Approval of Minutes: KN moved and GF Second a Motion to approve the June 13, 2018, Minutes as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Continued Discussion of DRAFT Town Plan.

“Get The Word Out” campaign for the Selectboard Approved for Voters Town Plan was discussed. Through Front Porch Forum Nuisl, Farrell and Clara Ayer will each post an information piece on consecutive weeks beginning July 24, July 31 and August 7.

An informational blurb was developed by Staff and is being handed out to individuals coming to the Town Office to pay taxes.

KN again informed the Board that Brandy Saxton has received compliments on the DRAFT Plan from her contacts at Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development. To that end, DHCD has expressed an opinion that Berlin’s New Town Center Designation may serve as a good model for other communities and has invited Berlin to participate in a round table discussion at the November Developer’s Conference. Staff has contacted DHCD expressing an interest and was informed a decision would be made soon.

KN informed the Board that Brandy Saxton would like to nominate the DRAFT Plan for “Plan of the Year” consideration. Staff was directed to draft a support letter for the Chair’s signature.

KN will pen a letter of support from the Commission to the Selectboard supporting the proposed light commuter rail line through Berlin connecting Montpelier and Barre.

Continued Discussion of Comprehensive Revision and Unification of Town Zoning and Subdivision Regulations.

Discussion on how best to receive community input to the proposed Zoning changes around the East Road area. It was decided to send an invitation to those listed property owners asking their attendance to the August 8, 2018, Planning Commission meeting and Staff was directed to do so.

Next Planning Commission Meeting: Will be the July 25, 2018, at 7 PM

Adjourn Chair Nuisl adjourned at 8:06 PM