

Berlin Planning Commission

Approved Meeting Minutes

June 22, 2016

Present: Tom Badowski, Clara Ayer, Gary Laroche, Sally Herring, Karla Nuisl, Jim Bond, Ginny Burly, Eric Vorwald

Next meeting: July 13th 6:30pm, Berlin Town Office

1. Discussion

- **General Comments:**

- Jim Bond:
 - Would like the following uses added as conditional uses to the Residential Zone:
 - Professional Residence – Office
 - Business Services
 - Office Buildings
 - Planned Residential Development
 - Elderly Housing
 - Restaurant/Bar
 - Ginny Burly:
 - Central Vermont New Direction Coalition
 - Youth Development → preventing deadly youth accidents
 - Working on: alcohol, tobacco and opiates
 - Policy development!
 - Creating walkable/bikeable areas
 - Walk to School Days
 - Smoke Free Parks/Trails
 - Also perimeter of buildings smoke free
 - Keeping alcohol/tobacco/adult only stores away from schools
 - Parent Education
 - Planning Commission will look into creating all town land to non-smoking
 - Eric Vorwald:
 - Plan Update
 - Recommended language and items to add to current plan
 - Hope to do quick updates for general election in November – then potentially some small amendments to be passed in March at the Town Meeting
 - Read through Draft language and send comments to Karla by Sunday
- **Discussion on Comments thus far:**
 - Discussion on Jim Bonds Comments:
 - Professional Residence – Office (already allowed)
 - Office or Service Businesses will be added as a conditional use
 - Covers: business services and office buildings

- Planned Residential Development (already allowed)
 - Elderly Housing (already allowed)
 - Restaurant/Bar (will not add)
- Discussion on Randy Rouleau's Letter:
 - Will send a group response
 - Planning Commission is considering switching Route 2 corridor to Commercial zone. Checking to see if everyone is understanding that this will make single family homes non-conforming
- Discussion on Ron Lyon's comments:
 - Removing density bonuses in conservation districts
 - Change minimum of 1 dwelling unit per acre to 1 dwelling unit per 2 acres
 - Will follow up and ask additional questions about how this system gets recorded
- **Minutes approved from:** 5/25/16 and 6/8/16 meetings as written
- **Old Business**
 - Keep checking Brandy's website for updates (placesense.com/Berlin). Final draft should be posted shortly
 - You can also sign up to get an email notification when there are updates
 - Berlin, VT site now has everything that Brandy's site has
 - **Reminder: Meetings have changed to 6:30pm – 8:30pm**
 - Meetings are the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month
 - Participation is encouraged!

2. Meeting Adjourned