

Berlin, VT
Planning Commission Meeting
October 23, 2019
7:00 PM

APPROVED MINUTES

Planning Commissioner Members Present: Karla Nuisl (KN), Jacob Coakwell (JC) and Polly McMurtry (PM)

Absent: David Huber (DH), Jared Felch (JF)

Others: Thomas Badowski (TB).

7:00 PM Call to Order by Chair Nuisl

Approval of Minutes: PM Moved and JC Second a Motion to approve the September 25, 2019, Minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.

Town Plan Action Items

Continue with expansion of sewer and water – TB gave a brief update on Public Works efforts with respect to Well #4, Paine Turnpike North sewer improvement project, Route 12 sewer project and to possible extension of water along Scott Hill Road.

Pursue Planning Grant for NTC – No new news. Waiting decision of funding, anticipated early December 2019

Work with Vermont Planners Association concerning Official Map – PM gave an update of her recent roundtable with Vermont Planners Association on Official Map development. She shared that many of the participants at the roundtable share similar issues as does Berlin. A comprehensive Official Map is vital to NTC success, requiring private/public cooperation.

Work with Selectboard on hiring Economic Development/NTC person – PC members have been visiting Selectboard, expressing the need to budget for an NTC coordinator. A full time position was discussed allowing for NTC project manager to serve as staff for Conservation and Recreation committees. Healthy discussion was had.

Explore Local Option Tax and Tax Incremental Finance District – No action.

Joint Committee Meetings – The Conservation Committee has agreed to meet jointly with the Planning Commission on November 13, 2019.

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Adjourn Chair KN adjourned at 8:15 PM