

Town of Sharon, Vermont
Planning Commission
Special Meeting
Minutes
November 6, 2018 (Final)

Commissioners Present: Peter Anderson, Sue Sellew, Ira Clark, Joe Ronan

Commissioners Absent: Paul Kristensen

Staff Present: Margy Becker

Visitors: Kevin Blakeman, resident

Ira Clark called the special meeting to order at 8:00PM.

Town Plan Revisions – Chapter 14 (Land Use):

Commissioners met in special session to consider whether or not to continue to proceed to public hearing on revisions to Town Plan Chapter 14. The hearing date is November 27th. The SPC has already begun the process of legally warning a public hearing.

In response to the Planning Commission’s 30-day notice of the November 27 public hearing, Commissioners received information from Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission that indicates additional revisions to the Plan would be required before the TRORC could consider approval of the revised Plan. “Approval” by the TRORC is required in order to maintain Sharon’s designated Village Center status. Village Center designation status enables the community to benefit from a host of differing tax credits aimed at local revitalization. Plan “approval” by the TRORC opens the door to eligibility for certain grants.

Commissioners considered possible options for proceeding with town plan amendments. It was agreed that though more work is entailed, it would be prudent to cancel the public hearing on Chapter 14 and to prepare the additional revisions required for the TRORC approval process. A future public hearing will be considered on a comprehensive set of amendments.

Motion by Peter Anderson to suspend the November 27th public hearing for consideration of town plan amendments until a later date. Sue Sellew seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Other business:

Ira Clark noted the agenda for the November 13 meeting should include approval of minutes of October 9 in addition to minutes of October 23.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Submitted by Margy Becker