

Town of Sharon, Vermont
Planning Commission
Minutes
January 14, 2020 (DRAFT)

Commissioners present: Ira Clark, Paul Kristensen, Sue Sellew, Peter Anderson

Staff Present: Margy Becker, taking minutes

Visitors Present: none

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Ira Clark.

Election of Temporary Chair:

Peter Anderson nominated Ira Clark as temporary chair. Sue Sellew seconded. The motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of December 10, 2019:

One brief edit was made to the minutes of December 10th. Sue Sellew made the motion to approve the minutes of December 10, 2019 as amended. Peter Anderson seconded. The motion carried.

FY20 Municipal Planning Grant – Town Plan Revisions

Planning Commissioners reviewed and discussed an email from Tory Littlefield at TRO regional planning commission, which outlines a proposed workplan and schedule over the next year and a half. Commissioners agreed to devote 1.5 hours of each future meeting to work sessions with Tory. Peter Anderson stated, and fellow Commissioners agreed, that it might make sense to begin with a re-examination of town plan goals. Commissioners agreed to ask Tory to be prepared to provide demographic data and a summary of plan goals for review at the February meeting. Ira Clark will communicate with Tory in preparation for that meeting.

RL Vallee, LLC Minor Act 250 Application:

Planning Commissioners discussed their concern regarding the proposed additional hour of operations, which would mean the canopy would remain lit until 10:00PM each night. Additionally, it was noted in discussions there is a difference in the type of LED lighting that could be installed. Commissioners are hoping a ‘warmer white’ light versus the ‘cool blue’ LED’s would be considered. Sue Sellew agreed to research the Town Plan for provisions regarding lighting. There is some confusion with regards to abutters’ ability to request a hearing and whether they can request party status. Margy Becker will follow-up with the Natural Resources Board in Springfield to clarify. Commissioners are uncertain as to whether to request

a hearing. One or more Planning Commissioners may attend the upcoming Selectboard meeting to further discuss.

Adjournment:

Sue Sellew made the motion to adjourn the Planning Commission meeting at 8:25PM. Peter Anderson seconded. The motion carried.

(A brief DRB meeting followed to consider approval of minutes. Refer to separate DRB Minutes)

Submitted by,
Margy Becker