

Town of Sharon, Vermont
Planning Commission
Minutes
December 14, 2021 (DRAFT)

The meeting was publicly warned in conformance with the Vermont Open Meeting law requirements for remote and/or telephonic meetings. The public was provided advanced notice of its right to attend in-person at Sharon Town Offices, and links for remote participation by videoconference software or by conventional phone were provided.

Attending:

From Sharon Town Offices: Margy Becker, meeting host and taking minutes; Attending remotely via Zoom: SPC members Ira Clark, Paul Kristensen, Sue Sellew, Lee Simek and John Roe; Victoria Littlefield, Planner (TRORC).

Ira Clark convened the meeting at approximately 7:00PM.

Sue Sellew nominated Ira Clark as temporary chair. Paul seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Town Plan Revisions Continued:

SPC members met with Tory Littlefield to continue review of the Town Plan. Discussions on the plan will resume in January.

Minutes of November 9, 2021:

Paul Kristensen made the motion to approve the November 9, 2021 minutes with one minor change. Sue Sellew seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Inquiry from Black River Quarries LLC dba “Quimby Mountain Stone”

Margy Becker reported she had received a phone call from Robert Townsend (surveyor) on behalf of Jason and Heath Blackburn. They would like to develop a quarry processing site on the strip of land they purchased which lies between the interstate and railroad tracks in the vicinity of south Rte. 14. Quarry Road forms the northern boundary to this parcel. The southern end has a stream crossing and a wooded area.

Robert Townsend has further reported that it appears this parcel of land is in the ‘Rural Residential Area’ on the Town Plan map. The Blackburns would like to know in advance of preparation of an Act 250 application whether the parcel’s rural residential designation will be problematic from the Planning Commission’s perspective. The SPC will have party status in any Act 250 proceeding.

Commissioners indicated they would like the Blackburns to submit to the DRB/SPC a written description of the proposed project, a location map and tentative site plan for the proposed operation. Commissioners will discuss the matter upon receipt of this information at their January meeting.

Margy Becker agreed to inform Robert Townsend of this request.

PC/DRB Report for the Town Report:

PC members reviewed Sue Sellew's draft report for this year's town report and minor additions were suggested. Margy Becker will collaborate with Sue on the final version.

Adjournment:

John Roe made the motion to adjourn at 8:20PM. Sue seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

There was no Development Review Board business to conduct, thus a DRB meeting was not convened. Margy Becker reported the DRB will need to convene on January 11th to attend to subdivision applications.

Submitted by,
Margy Becker