

**Town of Wallingford, VT
Planning Commission (P.C.)
Meeting Minutes**

May 13, 2020 *Town Offices, 75 School St. Wallingford Village (& via Internet)

Members Participating: Erika Berner (Chair), Tony Masuck, Jill Burkett, William Brooks III, Kevin Mullin
Others Participating J. Biasuzzi (Zoning Administrator, Recorder); S. Switzer (Twn. Administrator & Zoom Meeting Host)

***Special Notes:** Due to Covid19 pandemic restrictions, the April PC meeting was cancelled. The May meeting was the first-ever totally remote PC meeting warned or held. There was no live attendance at Town Office, and no Public individuals logged on to participate.

Call to Order: The Meeting was opened by E. Berner at 7:08 p.m. Audio may have been recorded via Zoom services?

Review of Agenda

E. Berner requested approval of the draft Meeting Agenda. K. Mullin MOVED to accept Agenda; T. Masuck seconded; all approved and MOTION Passed.

Review of Minutes

E. Berner then asked for a review of the March 12, 2020 Minutes. W. Brooks MOVED to approve as written; K. Mullin seconded; all approved and MOTION Passed.

Discussion/ Updates of Zoning Regulations to comply with Town Plan

E. Berner opened discussion on review of Article X (Specific District Regulations) with regards to minimum prescribed setbacks for structures to property boundaries. E. Berner suggested that a June meeting, hopefully open to the Public for in-person participation, would be warned so that Residents could offer input to such important issues to current draft revisions

S. Switzer noted that additional Conference Call equipment would soon be available for greater remote participation to Interested Parties at future Meetings. Until rescinded by VT and Select Board order, live meetings were restricted.

E. Berner asked for a MOTION to request the S.B. for a Special PC Meeting on the second floor of the Town Office for 7:00 on Wednesday June 3, 2020, to invite both in-person and remote Public participation as to proposed prescribed setbacks (and other proposed zoning revisions) in the most recent *DRAFT* of regulation updates considered. Proper Covid19 preventive measures in effect for this date to be followed. K. Mullin so MOVED, T. Masuck seconded, all approved and MOTION Passed. E. Berner would forward the request to the Select Board.

K. Mullin requested that the **draft setback distances**, as outlined in previous meetings, be reviewed. E. Berner read the proposed setback distances for each zoning district. No draft setback changes were opposed.

J. Burkett questioned the proposed height of 100 feet for telecommunications towers. Following further discussion, the PC's consensus was to retain the maximum prescribed 75 feet height; and provide for DRB review to allow up to 100 feet in height as a Conditional Use with "Environmental Blending" for all zoning districts except the Industrial district. K. Mullin made a MOTION to approve this proposal, W. Brooks seconded; all approved and MOTION Passed.

J. Burkett also expressed concerns on the lack of health and safety data available for exposure to the new 5G microwave radiation planned for tele-communication systems. K. Mullin suggested "slowing progress" on 5G expansions, until additional information was known. J. Burkett & T. Masuck offered to further research for future meeting discussion.

Following discussion, the PC agreed to schedule another Special (ZOOM attendance only) Meeting for Wednesday 5/27/20 at 7:00 pm to preview draft language (drafted by E Berner) of this meeting's proposed updates. S. Switzer to post Hearing Notice & Agenda with ZOOM connection information.

Public Input:

None received.

Other Business:

None presented.

Future PC Meeting Schedule:

On May 27, 2020 at 7:00 pm a remote (Zoom) only Special Meeting will convene to review setback, telecommunication, and miscellaneous issues; in preparation for a June 3rd Town Office Special Meeting.

On June 3, 2020 at 7:00 pm and pending SB approval, an In-Person and Conference Call Special Meeting of the PC will convene on the 2nd floor of the Town Office, to receive Public Input on suggested revisions to date, and continue zoning regulation updates with regards to the Town Plan.

On June 10th, 2020, the PC will schedule its regular monthly Meeting to continue zoning regulation updates.

Adjournment:

Multiple Members MOVED to Adjourn, all in favor; Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Submitted by: J. Biasuzzi

Approved: _____

