

Poultney Planning Commission
Special Meeting
Wednesday, August 24, 2022 – 6:00 pm
Town Office
9 Main Street, Poultney, Vermont

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Members in attendance included Doug Langdon, Mary-Sue Reed, Mark Teetor, Neal Vreeland, and Jaime Lee. Others in attendance included Paul Donaldson, Zoning Administrator, Ed Bove, RRPC, Laurie Provin, and Jane Williams.

1) Adoption of the Agenda

Doug L. made a motion to approve the agenda. Mark T. seconded. In further discussion, Mary-Sue R. asked to augment the agenda to move approval the minutes of April 20 and June 8, 2022 *after* item #6 to allow the RRPC's Ed Bove more time to speak before heading to another meeting. Doug agreed to the friendly amendment to his motion. Oral vote unanimous, motion carried.

2) Bylaw Modernization Project

Ed B. and members discussed observations made during the July 27, 2022 walk and distributed copies of the lot size and setback requirements table from the Poultney Unified Bylaws. The Commission discussed relaxing these dimensional requirements in order to better match existing settlement patterns. Use of the term "average" when measuring setbacks was discussed, and Commissioner Doug L. offered to review and potentially propose clarified language for at the next regular meeting of the Planning Commission. The Commission also requested a better understanding of median setbacks and lot sizes within the Village districts, and Ed B. offered to see what the mapping department at the RRPC could determine from available data.

Members also discussed short term rentals and requested more information from the RRPC on whether and how other municipalities regulate this use type. Discussion of this topic will continue at a later date.

3) Public Comments and Concerns

The meeting was opened to members of the public.

4) Old Business

Mary-Sue R. noted that the book discussed at the previous meeting, Pattern Language, had similar content available on the website: patternlanguage.com.

5) New Business — N/A

6) Transact Any Other Lawful Business — N/A

7) Moved Item: Approval of the Minutes of April 20, 2022 and June 8, 2022

Mary-Sue R. made a motion to approve the minutes of April 20, 2022 and June 8, 2022.

Mark T. seconded. Oral vote unanimous, motion carried.

8) Adjourn

Doug L. made a motion to adjourn at 7:15pm. Mary-Sue R. seconded. Oral vote unanimous, motion carried.

s/ Jaime Lee, Chair