

Poultney Planning Commission
Meeting

Wednesday, November 18, 2020 – 6:00 pm

Zoom Meeting

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95 Main Street

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM. Members in attendance (via Zoom) included Doug Langdon, Mark Teetor, Neal Vreeland, and Jaime Lee. Others in attendance included Paul Donaldson, Zoning Administrator, Devon Neary, RRPC Transportation Planner, and Amanda O'Connor, RRPC Community Planner.

1) Adoption of the Agenda

Doug L. made a motion to approve the agenda with the stipulation that the commission skip to item #4 to maximize the time of our RRPC guests. Neal V. seconded. No further discussion. Oral vote unanimous, motion carried.

2) Approval of Minutes: July 15, August 19, September 15, & October 21, 2020

Doug L. made a motion to approve the minutes of July 15, August 19, September 15 and October 21, 2020. Mark T. seconded. No further discussion. Oral vote unanimous, motion carried.

3) Public Comments and Concerns

The floor was opened to the public for comment.

4) Municipal Planning Grant FY20

Devon N. had authored an updated draft of Transportation sections for the Town Plan and guided the Commission through his progress. The next draft will be made available to the Commission in the second week of December after Devon has had a chance to speak with Road Foreman Ron Kelley and Town Manager Paul Donaldson about specific projects requiring attention. Members present also discussed the creation of a parking inventory and associated map(s) to illustrate present availability of parking in town, to be compared with forecasted need. Members also discussed whether there was sufficient demand for a Park and Ride, or if the availability of such an amenity

(particularly if established in a manner complementary to a sheltered bus stop) could generate such a demand. Devon will provide more information after research.

5) Old Business

The Commission discussed technical corrective amendments to the Unified Bylaws, previously provided by Neal V. and not yet adopted by the Selectboard. These amendments were non-substantive, and their adoption should be addressed by the Selectboard as soon as is reasonable to do so.

6) New Business

Upon a query from Sarah Pelkey, the Commission discussed the availability of statistics that may help determine what economic impact, if any, occurred as result of the college closing. Members discussed Sales, Rooms, and Meals tax data that might be available from the State, but concurred that drawing conclusions from such data would require a great deal of assumption.

7) Transact Any Other Lawful Business

N/A

8) Adjourn

Doug L. made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Planning Commission. Neal V. seconded. Oral vote unanimous, motion carried.