

Poultney Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, September 21, 2022 – 6:00 pm
Town Office
9 Main Street, Poultney, Vermont

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm. Members in attendance included Doug Langdon, Mary-Sue Reed, Mark Teetor, and Jaime Lee. Others in attendance included Ed Bove, RRPC.

1) Adoption of the Agenda

Doug L. made a motion to approve the agenda. Mark T. seconded. No further discussion. Oral vote unanimous, motion carried.

2) Approval of Minutes: July 27 (Regular Meeting), August 24 (Special Meeting)

Doug L. made a motion to the minutes of July 27, 2022 and August 24, 2022. Mark T. seconded. Upon further discussion, Mary-Sue R. offered a friendly amendment that the minutes of August 24, 2022 should be revised to reflect that Laurie Provin and Jane Williams were in attendance. In addition, the topic of short-term rentals had been raised during item #2 (Bylaw Modernization Project), and it was determined that further consideration of this topic would continue at a later date. Doug L. accepted the friendly amendment, and the minutes were approved unanimously as revised.

3) Bylaw Modernization Project

The Commission continued discussions of bylaw modernization. A map of the Village Commercial district showing lot sizes, along with a scatter plot graph of those sizes, was distributed. Other materials distributed included a reworking of the language surrounding “Average” dimensional standards, which will be taken up at a later date.

The ensuing discussions centered around minimum lot sizes in the Village Commercial district, and whether this dimensional standard should be removed altogether in this district in furtherance of bylaw modernization principles. The Commission also began discussions around relaxing parking requirements town wide. Both topics will be addressed further in subsequent meetings.

4) Public Comments and Concerns

The meeting was opened to members of the public.

5) Old Business

Ed B. shared that the Poultney Town Plan, approved locally in May 2022, had been officially approved by the Regional Planning Commission on September 19, 2022.

Acknowledgements for the designed version of the plan, created by students at the Castleton Community Lab, will be discussed at the next meeting.

6) New Business — N/A

7) Transact Any Other Lawful Business — N/A

8) Adjourn

Doug L. made a motion to adjourn at 7:18pm. Mary-Sue R. seconded. Oral vote unanimous, motion carried.

s/ Jaime Lee, Chair