



Town of Waterford
Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
10/16/2024

Meeting was called to order by Chair Howard Remick at 7:04 PM. Commission members Maria Dantos and Kim Willey were in attendance, along with Zoning Administrator Chris Brimmer.

PC reviewed the minutes of September 18, 2024, motion by Kim Willey to approve minutes, seconded by Maria Dantos, motion passed by acclamation of members present.

Modifications to Agenda

- Add ZA Report
- Add LED Traffic Hazard Discussion

ZA Report

- ZA Chris Brimmer updated a few forms to include relevant information and remove unnecessary questions and information. The group discussed the specific changes and agreed to send the forms to the Selectboard for approval.
- He is having issues with STR permits. Two STRs are stuck in the hearing process because the owners are not responding or providing the necessary information.

Town Plan

- Maria Dantos has just finished receiving everyone's sections with their recommended edits. She will compile them and send them to Kyle Dwyer at NVDA to work on drafting the new Town Plan.

Flood Resiliency Map

- The flood resiliency maps have not been released.

One Driveway Zoning Bylaw

- ZA referenced how Morrisville gives the first driveway permit for a low amount and the second driveway permit is \$1000.
- Kim Willey brought up the idea of allowing x amount of driveway permits per x amount of road frontage.
- The group discussed some potential issues that will need to be considered before making any changes to the current bylaw. They decided to continue this discussion during the next meeting.

LED Traffic Hazard Discussion

- Howard Remick started the discussion by referencing a new trend of using LED lights on outdoor light fixtures. He understands that they are used to light up driveways, but he noticed many are angled too much into the road and cause a traffic hazard. He believes it has become a safety concern that should be confronted before any damage is done. He has not received official complaints yet.
- He referenced another town that adopted an ordinance to the effect of ‘cannot cast rays of light on highway, right of way, or across property lines’ to prevent the issue.
- ZA noted that Fairlee regulates it through a road ordinance against traffic hazards dealing with creating glare etc.
- The group will continue the discussion in the next meeting.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting, November 20, 2024

- Flood Resiliency Map
- Town Plan
- LED Traffic Hazard
- One Driveway Zoning Bylaw

Kim Willey made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Maria Dantos, approved by acclamation of members present. Meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM.