

Dummerston Planning Commission

Public Forum

September 7, 2021

Members Present: Bob Danzi, Sam Farwell, Annamarie Pluhar, Regina Stefanelli, Maria Glabach, Bev Tier, Sarah Bergh, Rick Contino

Absent:

Public: Ahren Arenholtz, Paul Normandeau, Catherine Gormely, Daniel, Catherine Dianich Gruver, Molly Stoner, Roger Jasatis (ZA), Daniel Gehring

Overview

Regina offered an overview of Home Business. Section 605.

Comments

Home Business

Ahren – What isn't covered is a sawmill, or hard wood production. ZA responds that cord wood is a business. Business parts of the bylaw would apply. And Section 660 covers the issue of noise.

Paul — If it's a family operation who enforces it? Thinks puts too much of the burden on the neighbor.

Molly – What about a workshop with a large number of people once a week? Answer: Would require a permit.

Paul – How did we come up with the number of visits per tier? Answer: looked at what other towns did and tried to come up with what works for Dummerston.

Signs

Ahren – the proposed signs are too big!

Paul received clarification on the difference between residential use and non-residential use. Thinks a 32 Sq feet is a big sign.

Catherine has two petitions: one for no signs in Dummerston Center. 18 people signed that petition that petition. And 20 people signed a petition to be 2 feet square. Also have a letter from Lynn Barrett.

Catherine Gormley– thinks people should have the signs that they need for their business. Signage is hospitable, creative, entrepreneurial, and shows a town as prosperous.

Much discussion of sign size, is 32 sq feet too large?

Catie—Set back and speed is pretty important it changes ability to read the sign.

Paul - When Ahren and Paul were on the planning commission, signs were reviewed by the ZA.. Please do right by the town.