

Dummerston Planning Commission

Approved Minutes

February 16, 2016

Members Present: Annamarie Pluhar, Maria Glabach, Sarah Bergh, Sam Farwell, Deb Forrett, Joe Little, Deb Forrett, Bev Tier

Public: Selectboard: Zeke Goodband, Jerelyn Wilson (for the interviews), John Bennett (WRC), Paul Chapman

1. Interview candidates for Zoning Administration

Interviewed two candidates.

Bev moves to recommend one of them to the Selectboard for the position of Zoning Administrator pending reference checks. Joe seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

2. Public Comment

Tristram Johnson, Landmark/Scott Farm

Commented on activities at Scott Farm. Is in the middle of an Act 250 permit application.

Paul Chapman – Here to talk about Carrie’s Towle’s letter to the Planning Commission since we are talking about the Housing chapter. There is concern and desire that we do something about Airbnb rentals in town.

3. Approve minutes of 12/6/16 (January meeting was cancelled due to road conditions)

Joe moved, Deb seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

4. Correspondence

Hermit Thrush Act 250 at 7 Rt. 5

VLCT- “majority of the membership” Passing a motion requires five members (a majority of the nine seats on the Planning Commission).

WRC- Solicitation of towns for energy plan pilot.

Letter from VT Land Trust re Barrett land

WRC-Scott Farm permit app, no comments

5. Town Plan Update

I. Revisions to draft based on public forum feedback

Discussion of changes to Town Plan. Long discussion of Connecting Habitats Overlay and how belongs in the Town Plan.

II. Energy chapter (not discussed)

III. Housing Chapter (not discussed)

6. New Business

Joe, Sara and Bev will work on a subcommittee on a short-term housing proposal to bring suggestions back to the PC. Sam moves, Maria seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

Public Forum date in April (not set)

Town Meeting – have copies of draft available?

Next meeting on Town Meeting day – decision not to reschedule.

Items for next meeting agenda: short-term rental subcommittee established.