

Dummerston Planning Commission

Approved Minutes

September 5, 2017

Members Present: Annamarie Pluhar, Maria Glabach, Sam Farwell, Joe Little, Bev Tier, Nikkie Talbot, Brian Richardson,

Absent: Sarah Bergh, Deb Forreth,

Public: Sally Fegley, Carrie Towle. Paul Chapman

1. Approve minutes of 07/24/2017

Sam moved, Maria seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

2. (6:37) Public Comment

Sally Fegley agent for Maple Valley. Interest in the town to find a use for Maple Valley. Can it be repurposed to a higher or better use? What would the town like to see there? Currently is five parcels. Possibly separate uses for the different parcels. 385 acres in total. Top could be high-end residential? Senior housing? What is the process? Suggested that she talk to Zoning Administrator about what is possible. (6:33)

3. Correspondence

There will be a meeting of the Vermont Outdoor Recreation Economy Collaborative who will be holding a public forum at the Evening Star Grange on 10/16 from 6-8pm.

4. (6:42) Town Plan: review changes and plan for public forum

Accept the Action step as submitted by the Conservation Commission, but remove the “overlay district map” and remove the Planning Commission action step.

New language for Action step: “Consider options to protect the uninterrupted skyline and minimize visual impacts of ridgelines.”

Discussion of a Goal 3 for Community Services Goals, Policies, and Action Steps. Brian drafted something, Maria will take this to the Selectboard. As below:

GOAL 3: Provide an annual budget line (allocated based upon and proportionate to measurable outcomes) for direct financial and/or indirect (in kind) support to: local or when unavailable, regional, private, not for profit, social service agencies that measurably affect, in a positive manner, the well-being of at risk and vulnerable citizens physically living within the borders of Dummerston; and is consistent with 24 V.S.A., Chapter 073, §2691 (Aid to social services for town residents).

5. (7:00) Short-Term Rentals: begin working on outline

Discussion of short-term rentals. It will be helpful to talk to Roger – as we think about residential use. We should look at definitions and draft something for each of these: country inn, tourist homes, bed and breakfast.

6. (7:50) Other business

7. (8:00) Items for next meeting agenda

Continuation of Town Plan review and Short term rentals.

8. (8:05) Adjourn

Next meeting Tuesday 10/03/2017