

Winhall Planning Commission
Bondville, Vermont 05340
Meeting minutes for Tuesday, September 16, 2014

PRESENT: Pat Glabach, Tony DeFrancesco, Lucia Wing, Jerry Driscoll

ABSENT: Thom McMahon, Mark Eichhorn, Marcel Gisquet

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: None

CALL TO ORDER: DeFrancesco called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall.

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES: After review, the Planning Commission approved the meeting minutes of September 2, 2014 as amended and discussed; *motion by Driscoll; seconded by Glabach; unanimous.*

VENDOR ORDINANCE: DISCUSSION: The Planning Commission agreed to table discussion relative to vendor ordinances submitted by Bill Schwartz until the next meeting; the WPC wanted a chance to review the documents first before discussing. Wing reported that at the Selectboard meeting on September 3rd, the SB acknowledged a need for a vendor ordinance in Winhall and encouraged the WPC to develop one. Wing would contact VLCT to see if they had a model ordinance.

MUNICIPAL PLANNING GRANT: UPDATE:

Wing reported she was working with John Bennett of the Windham Regional Commission in applying for an \$8,000 grant from the State. The WPC's plan was to hire the WRC to help evaluate, explore, and expand business opportunities and home occupations in Winhall by expanding the commercial district. She would email the Planning Commission with a draft of the application including the project title and description along with what the project would accomplish; why it was important; how it met competitive criteria; and how the project related to the existing Village Zone. John Bennett would be filling out the work plan and budget summary. The Selectboard had approved the application for a grant on 8/20/14. The application was due by September 30th.

ZONING DISTRICT CHANGES CONTINUED:

The Planning Commission agreed that the next step in the process was to identify which properties should fall into the proposed expanded commercial zone along Route 30. The WPC felt following the parcel lines would be the best plan for outlining a commercial zone and would avoid split parcels as currently existed.

MAIL & CORRESPONDENCE:

Stratton Mt. Ski Patrol: DHART Landing Zone: Christian Schilling, Stratton Ski Patrol had contacted Winhall about the possibility of relocating its DHART helicopter landing zone from behind the Stratton Sports Center to a residential site Stratton owned in Winhall below Birch Hill Condominiums. Currently the site was used for stockpiling rock, sand, and salt. Schilling explained the site was setback off the Access Road; usage of the site was approximately 6-10 emergency helicopter landings per year. Schilling wanted to know about zoning requirements; signage; and a 911 number. The Planning Commission felt there were no issues related to emergency landings, but the site should receive Site Plan Approval from the WPC as it was in a residential zone and abutted a condominium development. Signage could be applied for by Stratton. Wing would contact Bushee about a 911 number.

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Lucia Wing, Secretary

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For the Planning Commission

Date