

DRAFT MINUTES

North Hero Planning Commission Meeting
North Hero Town Office Meeting Room
Thursday, January 3, 2019 @ 3:00 pm

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called together by Ben Joseph at 3:05 pm.

Members present: Bob Ayers, Ben Joseph, Chip Porter, Richard Mitchell, Marie Kilbride

Member absent: Dave Jacobs

ADJUSTMENT OF AGENDA

Interview of Candidates to Fill Vacancy on Planning Commission:

In that there were candidates in attendance for the two vacant positions on the Planning Commission, Ben moved the interview process to the beginning of the agenda. Two of the three applicants for the position were interviewed, with the third unable to attend on the selected date/time. Ben prefaced the interviews by indicating the temporary nature of this appointment until March elections and encouraged candidates to file nomination petitions. He handed out petition forms. After the interviews, the commission members voted to enter executive session to discuss the candidates' qualifications. At 3:39 pm, the commission came out of executive session. Ben nominated and Chip seconded the forwarding of Diana Meehan's name to the Selectboard. The vote carried with Bob abstaining. Ben will bring the PC's recommendation to the Selectboard at its next meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the December 4, 2018 were approved with correction of Ben seconding adjournment rather than Richard, who was not in attendance at that meeting.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

See Adjustment of Agenda above.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS FOR ACTION OR DISCUSSION

1. Grade fill on land

Chip handed out Height (Section 5.6) proposed changes he had agreed to draft for member consideration. He reviewed his handout, and discussion followed. It was agreed to further alter proposed language to read as follows:

Height shall be measured from the average existing grade at the time of permitting for a structure to the highest point of a structure, with exception of antennae, chimneys, and mechanical systems. (Figure 5.6)

2. Commercial development bylaw review: Chip handed out an edited version of the draft the members have been reviewing. Topic was tabled and moved to next month's agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

AGENDA BUILDING

Commercial development bylaw review

Grade fill on land

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:17 pm. Richard motioned; Ben seconded.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, February 7th, at 3:00 pm in Town Office Meeting Room.

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