

DRAFT MINUTES
North Hero Planning Commission Meeting
North Hero Town Office Meeting Room
Thursday, May 20, 2019 @ 7:00 pm

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Bev Poquette called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

Members present: Ben Joseph, Bob Ayers, Beverlee Poquette, Warren Wright, Diana Meehan

Member Absent: Richard Mitchell, Marie Kilbride

ADJUSTMENT OF AGENDA: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Draft Minutes of April 24th, 2019: Approved

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Visitors Present: Jon Boivin

CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION OR REVIEW

- MJ Healy Letter- not present for further explanation so no action was taken on letter
- Copy of VLCT's 2019 Municipal Energy survey completed by Town Clerk

UNFINISHED BUSINESS FOR ACTION OR DISCUSSION

- Commercial development bylaw review- Bev neglected to invite Chip to meeting to give a brief synopsis of references and reasoning. Ben will invite Chip to the next meeting.
- Grade fill on land- Discussion on these recommendations. Discussion on not pursuing implementing them into our by-laws as most are covered by State regulations and could result in legal issues if we grant approval that conflicts with State regulations. Tabled and Ben will invite Taylor Noonan to a meeting for Regional input on recommendations.
- Discussion of work to begin to update Town Plan and to resort back to meeting on the regular schedule of 4th Tuesday of the month and to meet monthly through the summer. For members who are out of town we have the option of conference calls. . .

NEW BUSINESS

- Island Arts requested a letter from Planning Commission Chair, Bev in support of a grant they are applying for. Letter was passed around for all to read. Ben as a Selectperson was also asked to submit a letter of support.
- Discussion on North Hero State Park use by Town residents and this is part of the Town Plan. Ben will look into this through his Selectboard role and get back to Planning Commission why the park is being opened for use.
- Discussion of members serving on other boards and in past this was not allowed and members had to choose a board and resign from the 2nd board. Is this a precedent that we should follow? Members were advised that some members were recruited for both boards and Town Clerk, Pete checked with VLCT and there were no conflicts. Discussion followed on members feeling that they would know when to recuse themselves in cases where there might be a conflict.
- Bob to attend VLCT Fairlee meeting for ZA's and Planning Commissioners and will bring info to share with others who wish to attend and cannot.
- Updating town plan discussed briefly and then tabled pending further information from Town Clerk and/or NWRPC.
- Jerry Carten resigned as Regional Representative to NWRPC. Jon Boivin expressed interest and will submit a letter of interest to Town Office to assume this role.

AGENDA BUILDING

Mary Jane Healy letter

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Development Bylaw Review
Town Plan 2020

ADJOURNMENT : 7:55 pm