

Townshend Planning Commission
Minutes
October 28, 2020 via Zoom

Present: John Evans, Bob DeSiervo, Brandon Canevari and Andrew Snelling
Liza Martin –joined 7:19 p.m.

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Evans called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Canevari moved to approve the October 14, 2020 minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by DeSiervo and carried unanimously.
3. **Additions and Deletions:** none
4. **Members of the Public:** none
5. **Correspondence:** Email exchange with Sally Peebles esq regarding Townshend ordinances pertaining to the cultivation of cannabis. Snelling led a discussion on the recent passage of the Vermont Cannabis Control Act (S-54) and the options available to municipalities.
Email to Karla Lumbra transmitting the Planning Commission budget proposal for 2021/22.
6. **Old Business:** Act 174: Evans raised a question on the responsibility of meeting the goals and actions in section 5, specifically action step 1.4, which calls for energy audits of Town buildings. Snelling explained that the Select Board must approve the energy element and therefore would also be responsible for implementing and financing the necessary action steps. The commissioners agreed to exchange written mark-ups of the draft prior to the next meeting.
7. **New Business:** none
8. **Other Business:** Act 171 Planning for Forestry Blocks and Habitat Connectors: There was a general discussion concerning Act 171 and the requirement that it be addressed when town plans are amended or updated. Martin agreed to undertake the initial research about what is required.
S-54 Cannabis Control Act: Snelling brought up that towns are permitted to create local Cannabis Control Boards and to adopt local regulations under 24 VSA 4414 and 2291. He stated that the State licenses are several years off but we should be familiar with local options in advance. No action taken
Future Meeting Dates: There was a discussion on future meeting dates and the means for meeting. DeSiervo made a motion that the Commission meet on November 11th at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom, and that the regular meeting of November 25th

be canceled. Canevari seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

9. **Meeting Schedule:** Regular Meeting: November 11, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m.
 Regular Meeting: November 25, 2020 -Canceled -

10. **Adjournment:** There being no further business to come before the
 Commission, Evans adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew Snelling