

Townshend Planning Commission
Minutes
February 12, 2020

Present: John Evans, Liza Martin, Brandon Canevari, Bob DeSiervo, and Andrew Snelling

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Evans called the meeting to order at 7:27 p.m.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Canevari moved to, to approve the January 22, 2020 minutes with three corrections in punctuation. The motion was seconded by Martin and carried unanimously.
3. **Additions and Deletions:** DeSiervo asked to have a discussion of the DEC Water Investment Division added under New Business. Snelling pointed out that there was related correspondence and it was agreed to discuss under Correspondence.
4. **Members of the Public:** none
5. **Correspondence:**

DEC Water Investment Division Vermont State funding contacts: DeSiervo brought the Commissions attention to the fact that there are State loan funds available to study and design town water and waste water treatment systems.

VLCT Spring/Summer Training seminar notice: DeSiervo noted that Spring Planning and Zoning Forum is in Ludlow and he would like to attend.

Colchester email inquiry concerning Townshend Sewage Ordinance: There was a discussion about the 7/11/2000 Townshend Sewage Ordinance, but none of the Commissioners were familiar with how it worked with the State issued waste water permits. Snelling was asked to respond to the email.
6. **Old Business:**

Act 174 Energy Element Snelling distributed an updated draft with additions to section 3, 4 and 5 by Marion Majors from WRC. There was a discussion of the draft. Snelling said that the draft should be compliant as presented but that the Commission should continue to work on expanding the draft so that is consistent with the Town Plan energy section.

Sign Ordinance Draft DeSiervo circulated the updated draft of a possible sign ordinance. Canevari expressed that he felt the table was confusing and should be incorporated in the text. Snelling stated that the size limits were very restrictive and that the Commission should examine how the existing signs, which would be grandfathered, compared to the ordinances restrictions. The Commissioners agreed to individually review the draft language and schedule further

discussion for the 3/11/20 meeting.

7. **New Business:** none
8. **Other Business:** none
9. **Meeting Schedule:** Regular Meeting: February 26, 2020 @ 7:15 p.m.
 Regular Meeting: March 11, 2020 @ 7:15 p.m.
10. **Adjournment:** There being no further business to come before the
 Commission, Chairman Evans declared the meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew Snelling