

MINUTES OF THE MONDAY SEPTEMBER 26, 2022
WINCHESTER TOWN PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
Pending Approval of the Planning Commission

Call to order- by the Chairman at 6pm at the Winchester Town Hall.

Roll Call- James Logan, Lee Stengele, Sulo Wainio, Michael Eichhorn, John Melzer, Glenn Goldschmidt, Lenelle Scholl, and Craig Van Ark. Also attending were Dick Logan, Joseph Discianno and John Grimmer. A quorum was present.

Approval of the agenda at the discretion of the Chair-motion by Sulo to approve, second by Lee, approved.

Approval of the Minutes of the August 22, 2022 moved by Sulo to approve, seconded by Lenelle, approved.

Town Board Liaison report-John Grimmer reported on hiring of town crew, cost containment at transfer site, push-back noted against sign rules, budgetary issues, and up-dating town business list. Lee Stengele and John Grimmer agreed to work on this list.

Communication and Correspondence- Discussion of lack of response by Town Attorney to emails from Jim and Joe D. and of questions on set-backs, contrasting town and County rules. This was tabled.

Public comments- Several Realtors were present (including Joan Klug, Judy Schmidt-Arnold, Joy Kohegyi and Tim Riley) who voiced complaints that their real estate signs were being removed. This needs to be taken up with the Town Board. Joe Discianno, Board Supervisor discussed the problem, and next Town Board meeting date with representative.

Old Business-

1) Discussion of Shipping container Ordinance continued. Set-backs the for containers discussed, and the Temporary Portable Storage Container Ordinance needs to go to Town Board for approval. Craig VanArk moved to accept the motion, and Lenelle Scholl seconded. Approved.

2) Town Equipment and Vehicle Inventory being worked on by John Melzer, including equipment at Transfer Station, Town trucks, various tools and a new snowplow that is ordered. John will continue to work on this, consulting with persons at the town shop.

3) Discussion of possible action on Town Properties Inventory- There was discussion of placing paperwork in a file cabinet or possible electronic storage. Hope is that town documents can be available all in one place to consult. Lenelle made a motion to act, second by Mike. Motion carried.

4) Discussion building setback ordinances- moved by Sulo, seconded by Lee. Tabled.

5) Discussion of Room Tax, Rental properties, Economic Development- Glenn Goldschmidt had data on the enactment of room taxes, what information is required of potential renters, how the taxes are collected without having a Winchester Chamber of Commerce. Discussed how much revenue might be raised. Looking at a list of local businesses that might rent, and other tourism questions.

New business-

1) Discussion Fee Schedule and Citation Enforcement- Concerns were raised about enforcement and litigation, with the lack of a town Constable. Ordinances may need updating, Vilas Co would be enforcement arm.

2) Plan Commission rules reviewed and updated.

3) Discussion of Sign Ordinances to take place between Town Board and Realtor representative at upcoming meeting.

Next Meeting- October 24, 2022, at 6pm.

Adjournment 9:45pm moved by Lee, seconded by Jim. Passed unanimously