

Tinmouth Planning Commission
October 26, 2015
Minutes

Members present: Kim Harbaugh, Vito Macaluso, Amanda Vumbaco, Denise (Tess) McGinley, Grant Reynolds, Andy Gilmore, Kevin Ruane, and Bob Lloyd @7:50.

Absent was Michael Fallar

Others present: Gail Fallar, Secretary.

Bob (Vice Chair) called the meeting to order at 7:50. Agenda was reviewed, added UVM community mapping project.

Minutes of 9/28/15 were read and approved as written.

Members discussed Bob's proposed language for amending zoning regulations by adding a new Section 924. Vito moved and Kim 2nded to include "evergreen" in the first sentence. Brief discussion, all voted in favor. Andy moved and Kevin 2nded to add "screened with plantings of evergreens", 3 voted yes, 4 voted no, motion did not pass. Bob ruled Grants proposal to move it to the second sentence as a separate amendment and that it needed a separate motion. Grant moved and Amanda 2nded that "Solar arrays and structures shall be screened to mask visibility from roads" all voted in favor.

Members discussed whether further amendment of the zoning regulations Chart of Uses was needed – in the end, no was the answer as a town can't grant a solar permit, but it can have setback and screening requirements for the Public Service Board to consider.

Amanda moved to approve these amendments (adding section 924 as amended this evening) go forward to a hearing, Andy 2nded, all voted in favor. Hearing date of November 30, 2015 7:00 was set.

Members then began reviewing Grant's town plan amendment proposal – see attached mark-up for details. More review at next meeting.

Bob reported that a professor at UVM was interested in finding a number of towns for his students to work with in a community mapping project – January thru May. They would interview a number of folks and could look at various themes. Members expressed concern with who would manage it from the town side, keeping Tinmouth a well kept secret, students ability to produce something useful. Tess volunteered to research further and report back.

Only Kim is able to attend the VLCT Zoning and Planning Workshop in Montpelier on Wednesday.

Next regular meeting and Hearing for proposed zoning regulation changes is November 30th.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar, Secretary