

**Town of Weston**

**UNAPPROVED**

**Planning Commission  
PO Box 98  
Weston, VT 05161-0098  
Minutes of Meeting, August 2, 2021**

Present: Chris Lindgren, Anne Degan, (via telecommunication), Kim Price, Nicki Pfister (via zoom), Will Goodwin, ZA

Absent: Matt Lynch, Bob Vesota, Brad Ameden

Also in attendance: Jim Linville

Agenda

1. Additions to Agenda
2. Zoning Administrator update
3. Lindgren Subdivision
4. Approve Minutes
5. Adjourn

Chris Lindgren calls the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

1. Additions to Agenda: Jim Linville, Selectboard, informed the PC that a hearing to discuss the restructuring of the ZBA and the PC will take place on August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

2. Zoning Administrator update

Will Goodwin, ZA, intends to apply for a municipal grant to update the Weston Zoning Regulations. Mr. Goodwin indicated that he has knowledge of two other towns that have gone through this process, Londonderry and Landgrove. He continued by saying that the cost would be anywhere from \$2,000.00 to \$22,000.00 depending on who was hired to do the work. A private consultant would be the upper end of the spectrum and is the route that the Londonderry Selectboard took. The lower cost estimate would entail a regional commission updating the bylaws, which is how Landgrove decided to go. Will Goodwin, ZA, offered to "band aid" the current bylaws to initiate the process. Chris Lindgren, Chair, suggested waiting until the new Planning Commission is formed before beginning work on the Zoning Bylaws. Chris Lindgren also suggested waiting until the restructuring is complete before entering anything new.

ZA will apply for a grant to work on the Zoning Bylaws for the Town of Weston. A discussion about taking a Band-Aid approach to the bylaws followed. Chris Lindgren suggested waiting until the new Planning Commission is formed before beginning work on the Zoning Bylaws. Chris Lindgren suggested waiting until the restructuring is complete before entering into anything new.

Will Goodwin, ZA, also revisited last month's PC meeting issue regarding permit compliance. Chris Lindgren directed this question to Jim Linville, who attended the meeting representing the Weston Selectboard. The Weston Selectboard shares the town's compliance frustration with the PC and ZA. Linville indicated that the Weston Selectboard plans to get professional guidance from the town lawyer. Will Goodwin, ZA, plans to attend the Weston Selectboard meeting to speak to this issue with the members and discuss a process to address non-compliant issues.

3. Lindgren Subdivision

Nothing new

ZA has created an edited down checklist to review major subdivision. There are options for each item on the checklist that should make the process more defined.

There was a discussion about bond issue and permits not being granted unless certain requirements have been met.

4. Approve minutes

The minutes of June 7, 2021, could not be approved because we lacked a quorum.

Kim Price a motion to approve the minutes of July 12, 2021. Anne Degan seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

7. Adjourn

Nicki Pfister made a motion to adjourn. Chris Lindgren seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

Meeting adjourns at 7:42 p.m.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Chris Lindgren, Chair Date \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_ Nicki Pfister, Secretary Date \_\_\_\_\_