

Vershire Planning Commission Meeting 10/14/20 approved

In attendance: (via Zoom) Bill Baylis-Chair, Gene Sobeck, Ken Bushey, Bob Perkins, Eleanor Zue, Debra Kingsbury-Sec'y & Sande French-Stockwell-Dev. Admin.

The Commission suggested that the Dev. Admin might on occasion traverse the town roads to see if she noted any ongoing construction that may not have a permit and let the Town Clerk know. It was suggested that the "Selected Town Ordinances and Policies" noted on page 1 of the 2018 Vershire Directory be published in the next newsletter as a reminder.

Minutes for the September 9, 2020 meeting were approved as amended.

Old Business: Ken Reported that he had been interacting with the Selectboard about the existing structures remaining in place and relocation of the driveway to accommodate access for the new garage. Discussion followed as to how to best use the existing log structure for public access, highway administration needs, or for town income as office space rentals with internet access.

New business: Creating an Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Fund. Joan Waltermire is still spearheading trying to establish an article for the 2021 town warning and how much should be requested to start the fund. Eleanor thought \$5K might be a good starting point. It was pointed out that a Town Tree Warden needs to be appointed to monitor the plans, and the question of how to handle the downed wood is an ongoing topic. Eleanor added that VT offers an Invasive website for more information.

Eleanor spoke about contacting others about establishing an Energy Committee but felt with the current Covid situation it may be best to be in a holding pattern for now, even though transportation and solar aspects should continue to be ongoing issues of importance.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43pm.