

Vershire Planning Commission minutes for 10/20/21 DRAFT

In attendance: Bill Baylis-Chair, Gene Sobeck, Eleanor Zue, Nicole White-Fogarty, Debra Kingsbury-Sec'y—Sande French-Stockwell-Dev. Admin.

B. Baylis called to order at 7:07pm.

Review agenda and minutes from 9/8/2021. Nicole moved the minutes be accepted. Gene seconded and all were in favor.

Old Business: Noise Ordinance concerns—Debra spoke with Kevin Geiger from TRORC on the topic and he stated that a “noise ordinance” needs to be a free standing ordinance that would be enacted on by the Selectboard and not be a part of a development ordinance. After a lengthy discussion the Commission suggested that the ordinance should be worded to state, but not limited to, that no out of the ordinary noise: such as equipment operation, gun fire, loud music, construction site work be performed one half hour before sunrise and no later than one half hour after sunset. There would be an exemption for short term use of generators to power deer /seasonal camp use, or for electrical power outages. This ordinance would be carried out by the Selectboard, who would have an enforcement officer serve notice on the offending party. Common practice would be for a first offense a warning would be issued, and a second violation would warrant a ticketed violation that would be lodged at the Court House, with resulting legal action.

Nicole stated that the Selectboard had invited the Orange County Sheriff's Dept. to attend their next meeting as having an enforcing/policing presence in town has been a topic of concern.

B. Baylis moved that the noise ordinance be sent to the Selectboard for their consideration and approval. Sobeck seconded and all were in favor.

Nicole asked Sande about any new construction activity in town and Sande explained the process and how she was compensated for her permit application site visits. It was noted that she submits a time sheet to the treasurer.

The 18 acre parcel that the Town has for sale on Durgin Hill Rd was reviewed and it was noted that no offers had been generated at this time and that it may be time to market through the assistance of the Multiple Listing Service. It has been advertised on the local listservs and in the Journal Opinion.

Nicole shared that the Selectboard has been interacting with D. Hooke about expanding the bread oven pavilion for needed storage and the idea for a future covered pavilion for the picnic table area. Nicole added that the Town Center Building Committee is looking at structuring rental agreements so that the public might be able to host events at the building/grounds. She added the Recreation Committee is working on establishing an ice rink for winter sports. The Last Food Truck will be on site 10/28/21 from 4-7. The Selectboard are hosting an open house at the current highway garage from 9-12 on 11/6 so residents can view the present set up and see the architectural plans for the new facility to be built on Vershire Center Road.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.