

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, VERMONT
PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes of January 3, 2024

6:30 pm at Brown Public Library Community Room
(also available remotely via Town Zoom account)

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm by Vice Chair Julie Lappin.

Roll Call: Present for the meeting were Planning Commission members Steve Davis, Royal DeLegge, and Julie Lappin. Steve Fitzhugh and Blake Pierson were absent. Clerk Mitch Osiecki and David Mears of the Northfield Conservation Commission were also present.

All participants attended in person at the Community Room, except Julie Lappin and David Mears, who participated remotely via Zoom.

Public Participation: David Mears addressed the Planning Commission briefly. David stated that the Northfield Conservation Commission appreciates and supports the work of the Planning Commission. He added that the Conservation Commission would like to work more closely with the Planning Commission on goals important to both bodies, such as protecting the Town Forest from development.

David thanked the PC for the opportunity to address the group and departed the meeting.

Zoning Regulations

The final draft of the proposed Zoning Regulations has been passed along to the Select Board for their review. The Select Board will set a date for a Public Hearing at their next meeting on Jan 9. Because a Public Hearing must be warned at least 15 days in advance, the Public Hearing will most likely be warned for February 13.

It might be a good idea for PC members to plan to attend the meeting, schedules permitting. Mitch will reach out to JuliBeth Hinds to see if she's available on that date as well.

Julie Lappin has prepared a draft "executive summary" document, highlighting significant changes in the proposed Zoning Regulations. We would like to present this document to the Select Board at their meeting next week. Please review and submit any final comments by Friday.

Approval of Minutes

Steve Davis moved to approve minutes of the PC meeting on Dec 13. Royal DeLegge seconded.

Vote to approve: 3-0.

Other Business

Mitch shared with PC members a summary of recent zoning activity.

Also, Blake Pierson has submitted notice of his resignation from the Planning Commission (effective immediately). With Steve Fitzhugh's term expiring in March, the Planning Commission will have two openings to fill.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, Feb 7 at 6:30 pm.

Tuesday, Feb 13 at 6:00 pm – Select Board Public Hearing on Zoning Regulations.

Adjournment: Royal DeLegge moved to adjourn; Steve Davis seconded.

Motion carried, 3-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.