

Bristol Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes

May 3, 2016

Commission Members: Sue Kavanagh, Katie Raycroft-Meyer, Skimmer Hellier

Other: Eric Forand (Zoning Admin)

Planning Commission Meeting opened at 7:10

Sue referred to the updated proposed meeting timeline to remind PC members of the ambitions plan to deliver proposed updated zoning regulations to the Selectboard in order to make a March 2017 Town Meeting vote.

Skimmer discussed how he would like consultant Adam Lougee to reference zoning regulations documents and best practices from other similar towns during the Planning Commission's discussion of the various sections of the zoning regulations revisions. For example how have other towns addressed particular issues, what worked for them, what went wrong, etc. Save time by sharing experience from other towns going through this process or implementing revised regulations with similar goals (more user friendly, clearer flow of the document, etc.).

Sue shared and discussed a draft preface that Adam had offered to her for consideration at the beginning of the new zoning regulations booklet – describing more clearly the “flow” of the updated proposed regulations. The general consensus was that it should be included with a different heading. Sue will ask Adam to change the heading and then forward the draft to the rest of the Commission for consideration at the May 17 meeting.

There was discussion about the section of Article V that relates to regulating solar power. No changes were agreed upon but the group recognized more discussion would be coming.

The members discussed the draft version of Site Plan Review in new Article III. There was discussion about whether the list of specific conditions/standards should appear also under the conditional use review section, as in the current regulations booklet. The members agreed to suggest removing draft #5 a, b, c as Adam proposed. They felt it was too restrictive and not within the scope of their intentions for Site Plan Review.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

*Eric J Forand*