



Minutes

Planning Commission July 8th, 2020, via Zoom 5 PM

Present: David Miltenberger, Christine Armstrong, Jerilyn Virden, Ellen Celnik, Kent Hansen, Linda Romans, Brett Stanciu

Absent: None

Meeting called to order at 5:01 p.m.

Approve June's Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve by Jerilyn, seconded by Ellen.

Greensboro COVID-19 Response Plan/GSERT Update: The number of cases has not changed. Karl Stein is fielding calls. There is some concern about how the Lodge is managing their quarantining guests vs. food truck visitors. Willey's has opened to shoppers, and is limiting occupancy, and requiring masks.

Greater Greensboro Task Forces Update

- **Wastewater Infrastructure Task Force:** The task force had a call with their selected wastewater engineer yesterday. They are preparing a Work Plan that will be used in a grant application to the Vt DEC. The grant hopefully will be around \$100,000, that would be awarded in September. Phase I of the wastewater effort would begin in October and will be a feasibility study to determine which district the wastewater facility would serve: the village, the Bend, or the Lake District. The study will be completed by about February. The team would then apply for a larger grant to start detailed engineering for the selected district.
- **Walking/Biking Paths Task Force:** No update.
- **Lake Water Quality Task Force:** Stew is still doing regular testing. Christine will know more about Lakewise by next meeting.
- **Connected Greensboro Task Force:** High speed internet project is making progress via the CUD, which now officially exists as NEK Community Broadband. Updates and news can be found on the CUD website - nekbroadband.org. Many residents have noticed improved cellular service



with AT&T and related carriers. This is due to a new partnership between AT&T and VTel, and AT&T is now using the existing local network.

Bylaw Assessment Teams Update

- **Lakeshore District Issues:** Bylaws update due by mid-July.
- **Rental Management Ordinance Update:** The short term rentals ordinance is in progress. Jen Lucas is helping. The team is reviewing many opinions, and Christine expects to have a draft to review by next meeting.
- **Review / Revisions to Other Districts:** Complete update due by mid-July.

Housing Committee Update: Bobbie had a meeting with the USDA and learned about programs. Kent has a call tomorrow with Habitat for Humanity, and has a future call scheduled with Rural Edge. The committee is currently evaluating options we will have as a town, and plans to have that back for September.

Bend Revitalization Update: No new activity. Clarified that the front yard beautification project included small shrubs and trees installed on front lawns, and not large shade trees.

New business: Sign Bylaw / Clive Gray's Signage Request for Barr Hill Preserve. The Nature Conservancy requested a sign permit from the DRB, and was denied, due to large size. Clive made a request to the Planning Commission to amend the bylaw to include the language, "11. Signs that are not visible from a public road or an adjacent property." The request may be considered with the Planning Commission's other proposed changes. The GPC believes Clive can suggest to the Conservancy to modify and proceed with the DRB process.

Next meeting: The next Planning Commission Meeting will be August 12, 2020 at 5 p.m. and will be held online. A special meeting may be called prior to the August meeting to review the work that has been done on the ordinance and bylaws and prepare to present.

Adjourn: A motion was made by David to adjourn, and was seconded by Kent. Meeting adjourned at 5:55.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Fairbank, Chair