

Planning Commission Minutes
9-26-19

Present: Mark Fausel, Chris Cole, Scott Nickerson, Chris Granda, Joy Reap, Virginia Clarke, Brian Tellstone

Called to Order: 7:08pm

Public Comment: Chris Granda announced an event coming up next week from 7-9pm at the Richmond Library on the 2nd related to Climate Change legislation.

Virginia asked to make an addition to the agenda under Jolina Court.

Chairman:

Brian said he was not interested in being chair.

Chris Granda nominated Virginia for chair. Seconded by Mark Fausel.

Brian nominated Chris Cole for chair. Seconded by Joy.

Joy said that she supported Chris as chair because of his experience with other boards, and his professional knowledge.

Chris Granda said that he supported Virginia for chair because she has put a lot of time and effort into the planning commission which makes a big impact on progress.

Mark said he felt both would be great chairmen, but supported Virginia because of her above and beyond efforts for the commission.

Virginia said she would like to be chair, because she wants to have a lot of work done ahead of time and the meetings need to be for review only. She said she would like to see this work done ahead of time such as her list of uses and information to discuss.

Joy asked if this was the role of the chair. Virginia said someone has to do it or assign it. Chris Cole said he agreed and felt that the work is supposed to be delegated.

Chris Cole said he was interested in being the chair because he has a lot of experience facilitating meetings, and knows how the role should be executed.

Mark moved to close the nominations, seconded by Chris Granda. All were in favor, so moved.

Chris Cole was voted in as chairman 4-3. Brian resigned vice chairmanship. Joy nominated Virginia for Vice Chair. All were in favor, Virginia was voted in as Vice Chair.

Minutes Approval:

1-16-19: Virginia moved to approve the minutes of 1-16-19. Seconded by Mark. All but Chris Granda and Chris Cole were in favor, so moved. Chris Granda and Chris Cole abstained.

2-6-19: Mark moved to approve the minutes of 2-6-19. Seconded by Scott. All but Chris Granda, Chris Cole, and Joy Reap were in favor, so moved. Chris Granda, Chris Cole, and Joy Reap abstained.

2-20-19: Mark moved to approve the minutes of 2-20-19. Seconded by Brian. All but Chris Granda, Chris Cole were in favor, so moved. Chris Granda and Chris Cole abstained.

Resolution for Municipal Planning Grant: Jess gave the resolution to Chris Cole to sign for submittal with the grant.

Jolina Court:

Virginia explained the footprint discussion at the last selectboard meeting. Jessica said that Josi expressed concern that the 8000sf limit is less than what they would like for the second building. Discussion ensued about the closeness of building 1 to the cemetery.

Jessica showed the commission the elevations of building 2 and the master plan. The commission discussed whether or not they were in favor of the footprint cap set by the selectboard. They agreed to support the selectboard's decision.

Virginia explained the discrepancies with the lists of uses and the level of regulation for each use. Jess explained the regulatory differences. The planning commission decided to remove training facility from conditional uses, and to put vocational school under conditional use. The commission also agreed to move the ag use to conditional. Discussion ensued over the remaining uses that the selectboard and planning commission had put in different sections.

Chris asked for a small committee to continue work on the list of uses in Jolina Court. Mark asked Jessica to send out the definitions from the 2012 failed zoning. Virginia and Chris said they would work on the uses. Jessica explained the next two meetings will be 10/16 and 10/30.

Next agenda: Lot coverage, ratio, short term rentals, Jolina Court road regulations, Boundary Line Adjustment Requirements, Batches of minutes

Brian moved to adjourn. Mark seconded. All in favor, adjourned 9:17pm.