

Planning Commission Minutes

7-17-19

Called to Order: 7:02pm

Present: Scott Nickerson, Brian Tellstone, Joy Reap, Virginia Clarke, Alison Anand, Chris Cole, Chris Granda, Lauck Parke, Mark Fausel, Lars Whitman, Fran Thomas, Betsy Hardy

Virginia gave a brief presentation and overview of the proposed Village Downtown District regulation.

Scott opened the floor for public comment. Fran expressed concern about the parking exemption. Discussion ensued regarding parking supply and how the proposed exemption and parking permit system would work. Fran requested that the parking permit have a policy to accompany it for the road foreman and selectboard to have criteria when approving permits.

The commission decided to remove Motel from the list of uses, alter research laboratory to be laboratory, research or other, change the PUD amendment to say non-residential instead of commercial, amend the word faction to say fraction, amend the density language to be more clear, and change the setbacks to be 0' on all sides except for district boundaries which would require a 5' setback and to also require sidewalks on public road frontage to the public works standards. They also decided to split out residential and non-residential parking requirements, and amend art studio to include musical and theater forms of art.

They also agreed to explore lot coverage reductions for Green Stormwater Infrastructure installations.

Chris Granda moved to exit the hearing. Seconded by Virginia Clarke. All were in favor, so moved.

Virginia moved to approve the regulation as amended. Seconded by Brian. Jessica read the amendments. Mark Fausel expressed concern again for what he feels is relegation of duties to the selectboard because of pressure they put on the commission to pass a regulation on to them. Scott abstained. Mark opposed. All remaining were in favor. So moved.

Virginia moved to amend the PUD alteration to say non-residential instead of commercial. Seconded by Joy. All were in favor, so moved.

Brian moved to adjourn. Seconded by Virginia. All were in favor, adjourned 9:11pm.