

Town of Grand Isle
PLANNING COMMISSION
at Town Municipal Office (9 Hyde Road) & via ZOOM
Minutes of 11/28/2023

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

Present: Emily Clark, Chair, Shawn Mercy, Co-Chair, Wendy Rosica, Carrie San Angelo
Melissa Boutin, Scribe

Absent: Jennifer Morway

Guests: Bill Baron
Adam Lavigne

- I. Call Meeting to Order: Emily Clark opens the meeting at 6:01PM
 - II. This Public Hearing of the Planning Commission is for the proposed minor amendment to the existing Grand Isle Town Plan (adopted 02/20/2017) to include the Town's intention to apply for Village Designation with the VT Agency & Community Development (ACCD). Copies of the affected pages as well as the entire Town Plan are available for review.
 - III. The Public Hearing opens for public comment(s) which none are expressed. The Planning Commission will bring the proposed minor amendment to the Selectboard at their 12/04/23 meeting.
 - IV. Adjournment: **A motion is made by Shawn Mercy to close the Public Hearing at 6:06PM. Carrie San Angelo seconds the motion. No further discussion. Members vote. All are in favor. Motion carried.**
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REGULAR MINUTES

Present: Emily Clark, Chair, Shawn Mercy, Co-Chair, Wendy Rosica, Carrie San Angelo
Melissa Boutin, Scribe

Absent: Jennifer Morway

Guests: Bill Baron
Adam Lavigne
Sara Griswold

- I. Call Meeting to Order: Emily Clark opens the meeting at 6:07PM
- II. Amend Agenda for Items Not Listed:
- III. Guest: Bill Baron – Letter received is read aloud. The letter speaks of the past and current businesses along Allen Road (aka Route 314) as well as giving consideration when planning for future development in that well-established commercial area. Bill Baron thanks the PC for their update to the Town Plan and the focus to a town center. He is acknowledged for his great points. It is possible for a town to have more than one

commercial district. Something that will be looked at carefully. Bill Baron is thanked for his time.

IV. New Business

- wendy*
- a. Email – Emily Clark received an email from the Lake Champlain Basin Program and has forwarded it to the other PC members. Along with the Army Corp of Engineers there will be a workshop held on 12/13/23 from 2 – 4 PM at the West Shore Road location. Not clear exactly what will be discussed for project(s) – it could be water quality for water departments, water runoff, lake access and may be useful to have someone from planning attend. Both Carrie San Angelo and Wenedy Rosica are available to attend. Shawn Mercy will reach out to Grand Isle Fire District #4 and Emily Clark will do the same for Grand Isle Consolidated Water District. Both entities may already have been notified.
 - b. 2nd PC Opening – A vote will take place at the 12/05/23 Planning Commission meeting so there is no empty seat as of the first of the year. Shawn Mercy will submit his letter of resignation.

V. Old Business

- a. Town Plan process update – Table until Greta Brunswick is available but did submit an updated calendar for review. Will go over more closely on 12/05/23. Suggest looking at NRPC's website and provide any feedback to Greta.
- b. MERP Update – Emily Clark has nothing new to report.
- c. Bylaw Discussion – Move to 12/19/23 due to Greta Brunswick's presence for 12/05/23. Items will be kept for some clarifications and questions.
 - i. 12/19/23 – Solar/Wind – Wendy Rosica
 - ii. 12/19/23 – Shoreline Commercial Recreation District – Emily Clark
 - iii. 12/19/23 – ADU/RV – Emily Clark
- d. Capital Budget Update – tabled to next meeting - Emily/Melissa to schedule time.
- e. Village Designation – Public Hearing was held earlier this evening. There are no changes and Emily Clark will submit to the Selectboard for 12/04/23 agenda. The dates for the SB Public Hearing will depend on. More information to come.

VI. Update from other Meeting attendance: Lots of IT discussion.

VII. Review & approve Minutes: **11/14/23 – A motion is made by Wendy Rosica to approve the minutes of November 14, 2023, with corrections. Shawn Mercy seconds the motion. No further discussion. Members vote. All are in favor. Motion carried.**

VIII. Administrative Recap –

Emily – Contact Angela Low for 12/04/23 SB agenda, Contact Jen to set up email for Carrie, Capital budget review with Melissa.
Shawn – Turn in laptop.

Carrie – Attend Lake Champlain Basin Program Workshop.
Wendy – Attend Lake Champlain Basin Program Workshop.

- IX. Adjournment: **A motion is made by Shawn Mercy to adjourn. Emily Clark seconds the motion. No further discussion. Members vote. All are in favor. The meeting is adjourned at 7:07PM.**

The next meeting of the Planning Commission is scheduled for December 4th, 2023, at the Grand Isle Municipal Town Offices located at 9 Hyde Road.

Respectively submitted by Melissa A. Boutin, Scribe