



June 21, 2023

Members Present: Richard Heilemann (Chair), Audrey Kolloff (Vice-Chair) [via Zoom], Anthony MacLaurin, Christie Bronstein [via Zoom], Tom Scarnecchia [via Zoom] at 11:18 AM

Members Absent with Regrets: Eric Dorsch

Others Present: Janet Hurley (Bennington County Regional Commission), Deborah Towslee (Zoning Administrative Officer), Unidentified member of the public [via phone].

Call to Order: 11:11 AM by Mr. Heilemann

Changes to Agenda: None.

Public Comment: None.

Review Minutes: Meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting of the PC May 17, 2023, reviewed.

Motion: To approve minutes as presented. Made by Mr. MacLaurin, second by Ms. Bronstein. Passed unanimously.

Discuss DRAFT Manchester Village Land Use and Development Regulations

Ms. Hurley presented the draft of the Manchester Village Land Use and Development Regulations as an ongoing discussion and in conjunction with new State legislation. Vermont League of Cities and Towns provided a summary of the legislative changes that include statues specific to S. 100 Housing and Permitting Act 47 signed by Governor Scott in early June. Ms. Hurley offered insight and recommended evaluating whether current zoning requirements align with existing housing and property inventory as an important first step noting that much of the legislative changes affecting municipalities in Vermont become law July 1, 2023. Mr. Heilemann recommended tabling further discussion until housing inventory and property review is complete. All members agreed.

Discuss Short Term Rental (STR) Ordinance

Mr. Heilemann opened the discussion requesting input from members; the DRAFT STR ordinance was edited by Mr. Dorsch resulting from deliberation during the Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission May 17, 2023. All members agreed that the DRAFT STR ordinance served the intent and purpose it was designed to. Motion to approve the Short Term Rental Ordinance and further the Ordinance to the Board of Trustees for review and deliberation made by Ms. Kolloff, second by Mr. Heilemann. Passed unanimously.

Being no further business, motion to adjourn by Mr. Heilemann, second by Mr. MacLaurin at 12:30:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Towslee
Zoning Administrative Officer