

**Pittsford Planning Commission Special Meeting
October 20, 2022**

Board Members Present: Kevin Blow, Mike Norris, Mark Pape, Chuck Charbonneau, Robb Spensely, Donna Wilson

Board Member Via Phone: Rick Conway

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:02PM by Kevin Blow – Chair.

2. Approval of Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Mike Norris and seconded by Robb Spensely to approve the agenda. **The motion passed unanimously.**

3. Approval of Minutes

. September 22, 2022– Planning Commission Meeting

A motion was made by Mike Norris and seconded by Robb Spensely to approve the minutes of September 22, 2022. **The motion passed unanimously.**

4. Public Comments

There was no discussion held.

5. Old Business

Donna Wilson reported the historic sign will be temporarily placed at the Mobil station. The State required a signed document due to it being temporary.

Kevin Blow advised Mark Pape reviewed the meeting minutes of April 28th and created a listing of the questions to be submitted to Representative Shaw from the Commission. The Commission members reviewed the document to be submitted. Robb Spensely noted a correction of destinations to designations in Item 1 and a change of new classification within current use to another classification within current use. Mr. Spensely stated the Nature Conservancy as a larger group can purchase land and roll it into current use, but individuals cannot do this same and he would like clarification of why individuals cannot do this as well.

It was noted Representative Jerome had indicated she would get back to the Commission on the first one, though she is no longer the Pittsford representative. Chuck Charbonneau suggested sending the document to all three representatives that were present at the meeting for a response and to extend an invitation for them to attend a meeting following the elections, possibly at the January meeting. Mike Pape will extend an invitation to the representatives when forwarding the questions to them. Rick Conway noted in the minutes of the meeting Mike Norris had asked if one could hire their own expert when a habitat study is done and Representative Shaw had indicated he would research the topic. Mr. Norris stated Derek Blow had a follow-up question that touched on it, but the document could be amended to reflect that question as well. Mr. Norris will provide Mr. Pape information on the question. It was the consensus of the Board to forward the questions to the representatives and request their presence at a subsequent meeting, if available.

Jeff Biasuzzi reported Omya submitted an application. There was a discussion of scheduling the hearing at the November meeting. Due to the regular meeting falling on Thanksgiving, it was the consensus of the Commission to schedule a special meeting and hearing on a site plan review for Omya for November 17th. Mr. Biasuzzi will provide a notice to the abutters. The site plan review hearing will be scheduled first, followed by the Planning Commission's

meeting. Mr. Biasuzzi will send the Commission members details of the hearing for Application 2248 for the new Omya tailings facility proposal.

Mr. Biasuzzi reported the Town is not using the website designer and all website postings will go to asst2manager@pittsfordvermont.com.

Donna Wilson reported she attended the Municipal Town Fair and noted there was much discussion about increased density for housing. It came across as an economic item in reducing the minimum lot size and adding more housing. She noted it was a good presentation and there were many people attending. Mike Norris asked if there was discussion of the bill that Governor Scott was proposing for home ownership and affordable housing. Ms. Wilson stated at RRPC, it was reported there are 500 units being built in Killington but no subsidized housing. Mr. Norris stated this is grant to fund home ownership. It is hoped to make homeownership feasible for younger people that do not have the funds for down payment to not force younger Vermonters to move out of state. Ms. Wilson advised there was discussion about the housing stock that is not being utilized.

6. New Business

Jeff Biasuzzi provided information on the Municipal Government Day on October 28th. The Town will pay the fee for any Committee members to attend. This is an all-day event that has a selection of over a dozen topic sessions. Mr. Biasuzzi recommended registering by October 26th.

8. Next Meeting

November 17, 2022 @ 7:00PM

9. Adjournment

A motion was made by Chuck Charbonneau and seconded by Mark Pape to adjourn the meeting at 7:37PM. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Bryant
Recording Secretary

Approved by,

The Pittsford Planning Commission