



**TOWN OF STOWE
PLANNING COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
November 21, 2022**

The Town of Stowe Planning Commission held a meeting on **Monday November 21, 2022**, starting at 5:30 p.m. with remote participation available via Zoom. There was no public meeting space. The meeting began at 5:30 pm.

Members present included Mila Lonetto, Brian Hamor, Neil Percy, Bob Davison, and Chuck Ebel. Staff Sarah McShane was present.

The meeting began at 5:30 p.m.

Review Prior Meeting Minutes [11/7/2022]

On a motion by B.Hamor, seconded by C.Ebel, the meeting minutes from the prior meeting were approved as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments

None

Review Rules of Procedure & General Meeting Rules

Members reviewed and discussed the Commission's Rules of Procedure/Operation. Staff noted that it is good practice for all boards and commissions to review their established rules on an annual basis as a refresher. Members noted a few minor items that should be corrected and updated. Staff can make the corrections and place the amendments on a future agenda for discussion.

Members reviewed staff prepared general meeting rules. The rules are intended to help guide future discussions amongst the Commission when dealing with controversial and/or complex issues with various stakeholders and perspectives. Members discussed the rules and agreed the Commission currently functions well, but the rules may be helpful in larger community discussions. Members discussed ways to better engage the public and inform the community on planning related projects. Members suggested highlighting the Commission's work in the Stowe Reporter and Front Porch Forum. Staff will contact the newspaper and encourage them to report on the recent housing efforts.

Updates/Correspondence

Members briefly discussed the Memorial Park Master Plan and whether there is an opportunity to incorporate housing into the plan. Staff will inquire about the status of the project and how to become involved.

M.Lonetto provided a brief update on a recent meeting at Stowe Mountain Resort regarding re-opening for the season.

Staff presented recent correspondence from AT & T regarding their application to the Public Utilities Commission to erect an antenna near Pond & Depot Streets. Since the last discussion AT & T has agreed to relocate the pole and antenna off from the historic village corner and re-position the equipment box. Members noted that the provided explanation on why the antenna could not be placed on a building rooftop did not make sense. Following discussion, B.Davison made a motion for the Commission to draft a letter outlining the Commission's concerns to the Public Utilities Commission. C.Ebel seconded

the motion. The motion passed 4-1, with N.Percy voting in opposition. Staff will work with B.Davison to draft a letter for the Chair's signature.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah McShane, Planning & Zoning Director