

NEWPORT CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

July 18, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Clark Curtis (CC), Vice Chair Robert Currier (RC), Woodman Page (WP), Dan Ross (DR), Ruth Sproull (RS)

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Zoning Administrator (ZA) Charles Elliott, Pam Ladds, Anne Page, Alderwoman Julie Raboin, Colleen Moore-Ortiz, City Manager Laura Dolgin, Mayor Paul Monette, Alderman Denis Chenette, City Clerk Jim Johnson

7:05 p.m. Chair Clark Curtis officially called the Planning Commission meeting to order. Minutes of June 10, 2017 joint meeting with the Town of Derby were reviewed. RC said to remove DR from those present. WP seconded. Unanimous approval with changes. Motion to accept July 11, 2017 minutes as written with changes by RC: change order of numbers for July 18 Agenda, remove 8:24 p.m. comment. Seconded by WP. Unanimous approval.

7:15 p.m. ZA Charles Elliott proposed, and presented an example, that we create an amendment to the Plan which says that all references to EB 5 are removed (to simplify the process of updating). “Delegation” of City Manager Dolgin, Mayor Monette, Alderman Chenette and City Clerk Johnson were suggesting that we minimize changes to the plan. They said that changes to the degree that we had made in the previous meeting would “trigger” a review by NVDA and slow down the process for adoption of the amended plan and potentially imperil an effective timeline for submitting the new plan along with the Vermont Designated Downtown application. (Please view pg. 5 of <http://centralvtplanning.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/Town-Plan-Approval-Guide-December-2013.pdf>; then pgs. 85 and 111-116 of <http://accd.vermont.gov/sites/accdnew/files/documents/CD/CPR/DHCD-Planning-Manual-Module1.pdf> to see the role of regional planning commissions in the plan amendment process. Involving the RPC is optional)

7:50 p.m. Against the objections of the delegation described above, DR suggested that we could make additional changes to the plan finishing the “quick edit” promised by CC to Karen Geraghty. So, the commission did just that,

finishing the job to the satisfaction of RC who did not want to discard the updates made at the 7/11/17 meeting. CC encouraged members of Council present and City Manager Dolgin to look over the changes we made on 7/11/17. He said we may include amendment proposed by Charlie as well as changes to the document.

8:30 p.m. In Other Business

ZA Elliott drew attention to 439B in the City Bylaw, which deals with marijuana, and asked the commission to think about expanding exemption language, in light of potential changes to marijuana use at the state level at a future meeting.

9 p.m. WP made motion to adjourn, DR seconded. All approved.

Set date and agenda for next meeting

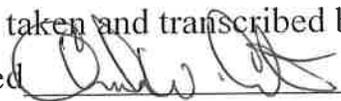
July 25, 2017 at 7 p.m.

1. Call to order
2. Approve minutes of the July 18, 2017
3. Review Newport City Municipal Plan
4. Review Bylaw
5. Other business
6. Set date and agenda for next meeting
7. Adjourn

8:24 WP made motion to adjourn, RC seconded to end the meeting.

Minutes taken and transcribed by Ruth Sproull

Approved



Date

7-25-17