

Town of Barre
Planning Commission
MAY 18, 2022

The Town of Barre Planning Commission held a meeting on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building at 149 Websterville Road, Websterville, VT.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

In person: Byron Atwood, Cedric Sanborn, George Clain, Terry Reil, Chris Violette, and Craig Chase

Remote: Mike Gilbar

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Chris Violette (In person)

Cindy Spaulding (Teleconference)

OTHERS PRESENT

William Dodge (Chief of Police) and Chris Neddo

1) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Sanborn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked whether there were any changes to the agenda. It was suggested to move the action on the minutes (Item 2) to before other business (Item 6 on agenda).

2) NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT (if necessary limited at chair's discretion)

There was no public comment.

3) APPOINTED GUEST –

Mr. Violette stated that Chief William Dodge of the Barre Town Police Department was invited to provide law enforcement perspective on potential cannabis establishments such as wholesalers, cultivators, and testing labs in the Town.

Discussion ensued amongst members and Chief Dodge regarding the concerns and potential impact to law enforcement with highlights of discussion:

- Proposed zone areas for cannabis establishments could be allowed with a conditional use permit request
- Security of a warehouse, testing lab, wholesaler or cultivator's building or growing areas
- Potential odor nuisance of cannabis in areas it is grown
- Impact to public safety on a DUI drug driving level to illegal selling of cannabis
- Inability for law enforcement to test DUI drivers for cannabis

4) ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT -

Members went through the Zoning Bylaws page by page for grammatical and punctuation corrections and reviewed the potential amendments for: Agricultural Accessory Uses (changes to law), Cannabis (new), and Accessory Dwelling (housing changes).

On motion by Mr. Clain, seconded by Mr. Gilbar, the Planning Commission accepted the proposed changes to the Zoning Bylaw and set a Public Hearing date for June 15, 2022. Vote 7-0-0.

Mr. Chase left at 8:28 p.m.

5) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 27, 2022**

On motion by Mr. Clain, seconded by Mr. Gilbar, the Planning Commission approved the minutes of April 27, 2022 as amended. Vote 6-0-0.

6) **OLD BUSINESS –**

Mr. Violette mentioned he had received an email from the Systo's updating him that the third curb cut off Bridge Street would be constructed late May early June.

7) **FOLLOW UP**

8) **ROUND TABLE**

Mr. Clain announced that Mr. Gilbar is on the ballot for the Municipal Planning Committee which is a sub-committee at Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission that reviews proposed town plans for adoption on the regional level.

9) **ADJOURN!**

On motion by Mr. Violette, seconded by Mr. Gilbar, the Planning Commission adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m. Vote 6-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Spaulding, Clerk

Cedric Sanborn, Chair

Mike Gilbar

George Clain

Byron Atwood

Chris Violette

Craig Chase

Terry Reil