

TOWN OF LYNDON
PLANNING COMMISSION
November 8, 2017 Meeting Minutes
Approved 12/13/17

Planning Commissioners: Chris Thompson, Evan Carlson, Sylvia Dodge, Sean McFeeley

Public Official(s): Annie McLean

Public: None

Chris Thompson chaired the meeting, which was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

Chris Thompson added the following items to the agenda:

- Update on 155 South Street Re-zoning Request
- Update on joint Planning Commission/Development Review Board letter to the Selectboard in support of Lyndon providing tax map and other parcel level data to the general public via the Town's website.
- Review of "Thank You" letter to Jack Berube

Chris Thompson informed Commissioners that the Selectboard voted 3-0 in favor of re-zoning the parcel at 155 South Street from Neighborhood Residential to Village Commercial at their last meeting on October 30, 2017. The amendment will take effect on November 20th unless, per 24 V.S.A. § 444, five percent of the voters of the municipality petition for a meeting of the municipality to consider the amendment, and the petition is filed within 20 days of the vote. In that case, a meeting of the municipality shall be duly warned for the purpose of acting by Australian ballot upon the amendment.

Chris Thompson informed Commissioners that he has spoken with Town Administrator Justin Smith concerning the joint Planning Commission/Development Review Board letter to the Selectboard in support of Lyndon providing tax map and other parcel level data to the general public via the Town's website. Mr. Smith explained that this was the third request for this information to be made available via the Town website and the Selectboard had decided not to address this issue at this time.

The Commissioners reviewed a draft "Thank You" letter to former Commissioner Jack Berube and agreed that Annie McLean should send a clean copy of the letter to Mr. Berube.

Chris Thompson made a **motion to approve the minutes of October 25, 2017**. Sylvia Dodge **seconded the motion**. The Commission **voted 4-0**.

Chris Thompson informed Commissioners that the Selectboard had begun discussion of what to do with the former Town Garage property on Route 114 and had asked for a recommendation from the Planning Commission. Commissioners discussed possible uses for the property, noting its location was completely within the River Corridor and at least partially located within the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). Sean McFeeley made a **motion to have Annie McLean draft a formal letter to the Selectboard, on behalf of the Planning Commission, recommending that the property remain in municipal ownership and be utilized as public greenspace for recreational purposes, including but not limited, to a picnic area, boat launch, and trail access/parking for trail access**. Evan Carlson **seconded the motion**. The Commission **voted 4-0**.

Commissioners continued review and consolidation of the allowed uses and definitions of these uses found in the Town Zoning Bylaws.

Next Planning Commission meeting will be November 22, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.