

**Town of Danville
Planning Commission Meeting
Approved Minutes
March 25, 2021
Meeting held via Zoom:30pm**

In Attendance: Glenn Herrin, Jeff Paquet, Kate Whitehead, Jenni Lavoie, Vince Foy, Mark Nicholson, Michael Hogue

Guests: Sam Bromberg

Jenni opened the meeting at 7:32pm

Cannabis – Retail Sales

Legislation to tax and regulate recreational cannabis sales passed in 2020, but it required municipalities to opt-in through a public vote. Residents voted to allow commercial cannabis retailers in Danville. PC discussed how this would potentially be implemented in Danville and wanting to be proactive before fall 2022 timeline for sales approaches; how does current zoning affect commercial cannabis businesses and/or what regulations would need to be adopted for businesses to operate in Town. Legislature will develop state-wide regulatory system, but municipalities can also establish their own regulations locally. PC discussed on farm sales in Danville (Farm to Table, agricultural activity), small-scale farmers/craft producers (ex. craft beer market) processing and waste management = allowable zoning districts. Affect on rural roads (parking). PC to review zoning district regulations.

Minutes

MOTION: Glenn Herrin made a motion to approve the minutes of February with changes. Michael Hogue seconded. Motion carried.

Rules of Procedure

MOTION: Glenn made a motion to adopt the Commission Rules of Procedure. Jeff Paquet seconded. Motion carried.

Train Station Sub-Committee

Sincerbeaux Funds from the Preservation Trust of VT will be used to complete a building assessment this spring. US House Appropriations Committee has given each Member of Congress authority to nominate up to ten community projects for possible inclusion in fiscal year 2022 appropriations bills. Train Station Committee met to discuss project eligibility for town-level projects; projects would need to meet eligibility guidance and after discussion decided we were not currently in a position to apply. It was determined that a feasibility study will need to be conducted. Propose to move forward with a fundraising plan for initial building restoration phase & fit out, then pursue mix of grants. Committee will use Town 501c3 status to apply for grants. The Danville Historical Society & Chamber of Commerce are exploring ways to collaborate

w/presence in passenger side of station, discussing different models for a community bike shop in the recycle side of station.

MOTION: Michael Hogue made a motion that the PC give support to Train Station Committee to pursue fundraising campaign for building restoration. Jeff Paquet seconded. Motion Carried.

North Danville Village Center Designation

PC to pursue Village Center Designation for N Danville. Checklist of items; notification to NVDA, letter of support, village boundary map and narrative for N Danville.

Review Proposed Zoning Bylaw

PC members to review zoning districts; how current regulation affects cannabis retailers

Adjourned at 8:32pm

Next meeting April 22, 2021 at 7:30pm at the Danville Town Hall

Respectfully submitted by Kate Whitehead