

Plainfield Planning Commission Minutes

Monday July 18th 2022.

Present: Will Colgan Jesse Cooper, and Karen Storey.

Approval of Minutes

Jesse made the motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting and Karen seconded the motion. It was voted to approve the minutes.

Will hasn't heard back from Clare Rock about the draft zoning review but will follow up with her.

Will had a meeting with Graham Keegan and Richard Amore about the possibility of increasing the boundaries of the Village Center Designation that would include Graham's duplex renovation project. Richard Amore is the staff advisor to the Village Center approval board and helps towns propose Village Center Designation applications that will meet the criteria for approval. Richard said that Graham's project would be able to be included in a new boundary. Since the application process takes a few months and the current designation expires soon it would be best to renew the current designation and then work on the expanded boundaries which will mean a whole new application.

Keith Cubbon, the Emergency Management Planner for the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission contacted Will about possible funding for a 25-foot buffer along the Great Brook for hazard mitigation purposes. We will set up a meeting soon to discuss this further.

Karen described a recent discussion with a home owner about how the town should allow multi-family dwelling older buildings in town. We all felt this would be good for all districts but will wait until the hearings on the zoning of get a sense of what the town would like to see.

She also mentioned the frustration with the lack of enforcement from the town on zoning issues. She writes letters of violation but nothing else is done as follow up. The members of the Planning Commission said that this is an issue that the Select Board will need to act on eventually and that the Zoning Administrator is limited to writing the letters and filing them with the property records. This is the situation is all of Vermont towns.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30