

## Plainfield Planning Commission Meeting

Monday October 19th, 2020

Present: Will Colgan, Jesse Cooper, Baylen Sky, and Karen Storey.

Call to order

Approval of Minutes

Jesse made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting and Karen seconded it.

The motion was approved.

Public Comment, New Business

Will said the hearing went well and he would start incorporating the suggested changes from the hearing.

Will asked Karen what she thought would be a good way to use Rob Bridges suggestions on property rights. Karen thought the best way for now would be to have the Town Plan be a philosophical rather than a regulatory document. Jesse was going to finish up with the notes from the hearing and send them out to the commission members. Karen mentioned that in the Town Plan the balance between supporting the Vermont Land Trust and not being so supportive of large agricultural operations which get financial help from the Land Trust is not consistent. She will review that language and make suggestions that eliminate the disparity between supporting one and not the other.

Karen said there have not been many new permits but there have been many complaints about zoning issues which she thinks is due to many people being at home more. She said some neighborhoods are not very concerned about violations and some are more concerned. She points out that when we write the Town Plan or Zoning Regulations there is an issue of not having the regulations enforced evenly.

Will said that the recommendation is for Zoning Administrators to respond to complaints and not to look for violations.

Baylen said that is similar to the way he enforces the health regulations as the Town Health Officer.

When there is a complaint about a violation then that is the time to do the enforcement. Karen wanted to be sure that the enforcement should be equally applied. Jesse said the ability to have the regulations on hand make it possible in those instances that do generate complaints that the issues can be mitigated by enforcement.

The meetings adjourned at 8:00