

Town of Danville
Approved Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
Danville Town Hall 7:30pm
March 24, 2022

Attendance: Glenn Herrin, Michael Hogue, Kate Whitehead, Vince Foy (by phone)

Guests: Greg Prior, Brian Henderson

Glenn opened the meeting at 7:50pm

Minutes

MOTION: Glenn Herrin made a motion to accept the February minutes. Michael Hogue seconded. Motion carried.

Officer Nominations/Election (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary)

Glenn Herrin will serve as chair, Jeff Paquet as Vice Chair and Kate Whitehead as secretary

MOTION: Michael Hogue made a motion to accept the officer nominations. Motion carried.

Zoning Bylaw – Finalize proposal for submission to selectboard

PC discussed whether to formally adopt bylaws now or seek interim approval. Bylaws will be effective May 19 if adopted now.

Glenn presented a zoning chart for the PC to consider for use in the Zoning Bylaw in place of the current tables listed in each district's section. It provides a snapshot and quick view of permitted and conditional uses in each district. The PC decided not to include the chart in the current version of the bylaws, but will use it as a tool for comparing districts and identifying where any new changes need to be made. A copy of the chart will be provided to the ZA. PC reviewed zoning chart and made final changes to the zoning bylaw.

New/and or updated definitions:

Added definitions for kennel, library, refuse system and light industry [light industry would be a conditional use and would go to DRB for discussion].

Short-term rentals have been defined in state statute as fewer than 30 days – ex. Airbnb, B&B. Short-term rentals will be considered a conditional use and will go through the DRB. PC also discussed rules and regulations for short-term rentals (i.e. Ordinances for noise).

The state updated their definition of accessory dwellings. Changes to the bylaws will be made to reflect the new language/reference VSA.

Discussed definitions of group homes and residential care facilities. Both definitions were updated in the bylaw for better clarity. Group Home is defined as a residential care facility with up to 8 persons. The new definition further clarifies that a state licensed or registered community care home or group home serving not more than eight persons who have a disability will be considered a Single Family Dwelling.

Conditional Uses: The state updated their definition of conditional use; conditional uses are required to go through the DRB.

Also discussed the following permitted and conditional uses and locations:

Junkyard – Conditional use in Conservation District

Kennel – Conditional use in Rte 2 District, LDR & Conservation

Veterinarian- Conditional use in Rte 2 District, LDR & Conservation

Personal Service – Conditional use in MDR I, MDR II and LDR (see SIC code)

Mixed-Use (2 principle uses)- Conditional use in Village Core, Historic Neighborhood, Village

Residential, Rte 2 District, MDR I MDR II, LDR

Bar/Pub – Conditional use in Village Core and Rte 2 District

Brewery/Distillery – Conditional use in Rte 2, Village & LDR

Forestry- Conditional use in Rte 2, Village & LDR

Home Child Care is a permitted use in all districts

Mobile Home Parks – identify district where they are permitted

Multi-Unit Dwelling – added note in section 806.7

The Developed Shoreland Overlay has its own defined areas, however permitted or conditional uses follow the underlying district.

MOTION: Michael Hogue made a motion for Glenn Herrin to make final edits to the bylaws to submit to the SB as our proposed final draft. Motion Carried.

Train Station Committee Update

Received 5 proposals from architect and engineer teams – finished procurement process – interviews and proposal reviews. Ryan Edwards has been selected out of Calais, VT. VOREC grant was awarded to the Town of Danville for \$97,650.00. This grant will cover ADA bathrooms, a digital kiosk, community mapping, marketing and wayfinding. The Governor will be holding a press conference at the Danville Train Station on Monday, March 28 to announce all VOREC recipients.

Correspondence and Additional Comments/Discussion

PC looking for new members

Review Energy Plan and provide feedback

Next Meeting: April 28, 2022 7:30pm at the Danville Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned 9:07pm

Respectfully submitted by Kate Whitehead