

**TOWN OF BARKHAMSTED
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING
VIA ZOOM
THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2020**

Chairman Christina Lavieri called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Members present were James Hart, Greg Gordon, Frank Kaczynski, Jr. and alternates, Tom Andersen, and Robert Pulford. Also present was Zoning Enforcement Officer, Debbie Brydon.

DISCUSS ACTION AGENDA ITEMS IN POCD AND PICK NEXT ONES TO WORK ON:

Chairman, Christina Lavieri asked each member of the commission what they felt we should start working on for the Action Agenda Items in the POCD. Greg Gordon suggested starting with the Conservation Actions specifically the seventh item regarding flexibility for farmers. Greg also asked if the Conservation Commission was still working on the Acquirer Protection regulations. Staff will ask the Conservation Commission if they are going to pursue this. Debbie advised the commission that FEMA is working on updating the flood maps in our area and we will soon have new digitized maps.

Jim Hart would like to continue working on the Housing Actions, one and two regarding additional housing options.

The commission would also like to review the "Table of Uses" again. This falls under the Economic Development Action table number 2.

Debbie advised the commission that the Town was getting a new web provider and the Economic Development Commission was going to start working on contacting all the businesses in Town to see if they wanted to be showcased on the new website.

Chris Lavieri brought the commission up to date on the Housing Trust progress with their purchase of the property at Mallory Brook Farm for the construction of twenty (20) Affordable Housing rentals units. The Interlocal Agreement for the sewer and water to be run down Old New Hartford Road for the Mallory Brook Plaza, Lombard Ford and the potential new apartments has been approved and signed. Work for the sewer line should begin in August.

Staff also asked the commission to consider waving some of the sign regulations during the coronavirus for in Town businesses. This was discussed with different ideas thrown out about extending the right to leave signs up. At this time, the commission decided to wait and see what happens in the Fall.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Hart made a motion to approve the minutes from January 23, 2020 as presented, seconded by Gordon and unanimously approved.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS REPORT:

Debbie reported that the Town received a grant to complete the Town Affordable Housing Plan and that we will be working with 8 other Towns to get this started.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS LEGAL AND PROPER TO COME BEFORE SAID MEETING:

Debbie reported that she was getting some complaints from West Hill Pond residents regarding a new home occupation called “West Hill Water Sports”. Most of the complaints do not pertain to zoning, but she has advised the owner that if he does not follow the zoning requirements, she will revoke the permit.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

James Hart
Secretary