



**VILLAGE OF HYDE PARK
PLANNING COMMISSION**

Minutes of June 8, 2022

The duly warned regular meeting of the Planning Commission was held June 8 2022 in the Community Room.

Members: Chair Riki French, Peter Gallo, Sue Trainor and Ken McPherson

Staff: Carol Robertson, General Manager, Karen Wescom, Clerk/Treasurer, Loren Leahy, Zoning Administrator Others: Mike Bard, Village resident; Denise Greene, Town Energy Committee member and Village resident; Kate Lalley, Lamoille County Planning Commission; Seth Jensen, Lamoille County Planning Commission

Chair Riki French called the regular meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and opened the floor for public comments. Mike Bard addressed the commission. He provided the board with a report and photos of the park. He asked for the future pollinator field to be cleaned-up, mowed and better maintained. There was a discussion of Denise Greene's pollinator field that will be installed. The GM expressed appreciation to Denise Greene who recently volunteered to contract the clearing and mowing of the pollinator section. Mr. Bard stated that he was in favor of selling the park together with the house and using a realtor for the sale. The Chair thanked Mr. Bard for his report and recommendations. Mr. Bard departed the meeting.

Seth Jensen reviewed two housing bills not yet signed by the Governor. These bills address the housing shortage in Vermont and offer special benefits to the Village. The Neighborhood Planning Area, if signed, will make eligible tax credits for code updates to Village side-streets. The State permit fee reductions, if passed, are intended to encourage new housing stock.

Seth Jensen introduced Kate Lalley for her presentation on a wide range of topics centered around long-range planning, the "Enabling Better Places" resource, and making zoning bylaws "revitalization-ready". Accessory Dwelling Units, Airbnbs and Neighborhood Development Areas designated one quarter mile from Village center were discussed.. The Chair expressed appreciation for Mr. Jensen and Ms. Lalley's ongoing work with the Village. They departed the meeting.

Denise Greene provided a detailed written report on the coming pollinator field in Elsa French Park and departed the meeting. Loren Leahy provided updates on new state regulations impacting the zoning bylaws. Motion by Peter Gallo and second by Sue Trainor to approve the minutes of May 11, 2022. The motion carried. There being no further business, motion by Peter Gallo and second by Sue Trainor to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m. The motion carried.

Riki French, Chair

Date