

Alburgh Planning Commission Minutes 6/21/2016

Attending:

Terry Tatro

Beth Savage

Renee Creller

Carol Behrman

Brian Tjelta

Leeann Porto

Absent:

Jeff Medor

Robert Gaudette

John Goodrich

Meeting started 7:05 PM.

Minutes of the 6/21/16 meetings were mislabeled with incorrect date should be corrected to 5/17/16..

Public meeting for comments on plan. 5 community members in attendance.

Planning board needs to provide usable suggestions to achieve planning goals.

General discussion:

Reviewed topics in proposed plan.

Recreation Access:

Biking.

Hiking / walking.

Equestrian.

Restaurants.

Cable (communications).

Board supports simple zoning.

Consensus on removing eye sores (buildings falling down, use not compatible with location).

Would like see restaurants.

Opportunities for improvement.

Enforcement issues both local and state.

Look at why people are leaving or unable to afford to stay.

Questions on statistics (population, etc.) as shown in current proposal. Statistics supplied by State of VT.

Briefly discussed sidewalk project in progress.

Possible tax credits for new businesses in village. Somehow bring in money.

What do we have to give up to get what we're looking for?

Road issues need to be addressed. Speed, volume etc.

Look at more public events.

Overall beautification. (Flowers, flags, etc.)

Improve equestrian access. Parking for trailers etc. interconnectivity.

Next meeting is July 19, 2016.

Public hearing ended 8:37PM.

Perception of priorities from hearing from most desired.

- Remove the abandon buildings in village. (Eyesores.)

- Enforcement and application of ordinances.

- Access and expansion of current trail system and mapping of trails. Possibly using old rail system right of ways.

- New business development.

- Traffic control thru village. (State controlled.)

- Begin development of pedestrian/bike lanes along road sides.

- Basic zoning both for and against. Topics included underground utilities (power, etc.) for new construction, setbacks, and use.

Be mindful of long term planning needs as well. 20+ years.

Need to update pictures.

- Picture representing Alburgh on front page.

- Pictures of people enjoying places as opposed to just places.

Add Greenwoods and Boutah road on page 46.

Photos and make note of any changes for next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05.