

Montgomery Planning Commission Minutes
The Public Safety Bldg.
February 11, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

Present: Alissa Hardy, Roberta Baker, Barry Kade, Joe Sherman, and public: Phillip Snider, Merle VanGiesen, and Darren Dravik.

Alissa called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.

Moved by Barry Kade and seconded by Alissa Hardy to approve the minutes of January 14, 2020. Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

River Corridor Clarification: No Progress.

Lodging Establishments: The PC discussed the State of Short-Term Rentals from as well as the safety and health requirements. They also looked at how the Town of Stowe was dealing with Short-Term Rentals. There was lengthy discussion on how taxes were collected. When renting through an AirBnB then tax is paid to the State by them. Those renting on their own should be paying the 9% tax to the State of Vermont. According to the State, if renting less than 14 days, then it wouldn't be considered short-term rental. There was some discussion on long-term rentals vs. short-term rentals in Conservation I, and what would be the difference in impact if any. Discussion also included the number of units in short-term rentals, whether there should be a manager on residence, posting of contact info and health and safety info., and if short-term rental owners should leave their contact info or the contact info of someone who can deal with these issues.

Questions that arise: Is our town vision changing? Do we need to change the Town Plan? Should we only allow a certain percentage of short-term rentals in our area? Or will it self-regulate. Because as the numbers of short-term rentals rise, will the cost of short-term rentals drop?

As a PC we need to make sure we meet the needs of town, it's residents and the owners of short-term rentals.

Future Zoning Regulation Discussion/Changes:

- River Corridors
- Lodging Establishments
- Administrative and clerical changes for consistency (Ellen Fox)

Items for future agenda:

- Lodging Establishments - Future changes
- Discussion of Yearly Review for Zoning Administrator

The next meeting is March 10, 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roberta Baker
Secretary, Montgomery Planning Commission