



PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting Type:.....**Regular Meeting**
Date:.....**Tuesday, October 19, 2021**
Time:.....**6:00 p.m.**
Place:.....**Community Room, 43 Bombardier Road, Milton**
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Website:.....**www.miltonvt.gov**

MEETING MINUTES

Tony Micklus, Chair • Benjamin Frye, Vice-Chair • Lori Donna, Clerk • Seth Duchesneau • John Lindsay

1. Call to Order & Welcome

The meeting was called to order by T. Micklus at 6:15 p.m.

2. Attendance

Members Present: Tony Micklus, Chair; Benjamin Frye, Vice Chair; Lori Donna, Clerk; Seth Duchesneau, Member

Members Absent: John Lindsay, Member

Staff Present: Cymone Haiju, AICP, Planning Director

Others Present: None.

3. Agenda Review

Chair T. Micklus requested that agenda item A be removed from tonight's agenda and added to the next meeting's agenda.

4. Public Forum

The public may attend and participate in accordance with Vermont's Open Meeting Law (1VSA312).

5. Staff Updates

T.Micklus and C. Haiju shared an update regarding the CCRPC sent notice the Bolton-Milton Interchange Project Assessment will commence shortly. The project involves completing an assessment of previous project plans and analyzing an I-89 Exit 17N in accordance with current design and environmental standards. C.Haiju shared she serves on the I-89 Study Advisory Committee and made a motion, which passed, which ultimately led to this independent analysis project.

6. Business

A. John Lindsay Presentation on Updating the Town Plan: The Process

This agenda item was removed due to John Lindsay's absence and will appear on the next meeting's agenda due to Chair T.Micklus's request.

B. Discussion on Updating the UDR's Sign Regulations (Section 3015)

C.Haiju presented the original CCRPC recommendation to update Section 3015 to be content-neutral and background research on U.S. Supreme Court cases *Central Hudson Gas & Elec. Corp. v. Public Service Commission* (1980) and *Reed v. Town of Gilbert, Arizona* (2015). C.Haiju also presented a list of signs that would be exempt from needing a zoning permit as recommended model sign codes for municipalities to consider. This model list appeared on the

American Planning Association's site and originated from the United States Sign Council. The Planning Commission requested to use this model list of sign exemptions and to combine it with other exemptions selected from the current Milton Unified Development Regulations. The assembled list appears below.

Exemptions:

The following are exempt from needing a zoning permit:

1. Not more than 1 non-illuminated sign for temporary special sales not exceeding 6 square feet.
2. Building-mounted bulletin boards or similar displays.
3. Signs which are not visible from a public right-of-way.
4. Signs inside a building.
5. Signs required by federal or state law.
6. Flags and individual pennants (not on a string).
7. Signs required by municipal authority.
8. Painted and/or applied wall accents and decorations.
9. Public Art, including Permitted Original Art Murals
10. Name and Address: Up to two (2) signs indicating address, number and/or name of occupants of the premises, that do not exceed two square feet in area per side, and do not include any commercial advertising or other identification.
11. Handicapped Parking Space: Signs not exceeding two (2) square feet in area reserving parking for handicapped individuals.
12. Private Drive Signs: On-premise signs indicating a private drive are limited to one (1) per driveway entrance, not exceeding two (2) square feet in area.
13. Public Signs: Signs erected by government agencies or utilities, including traffic, utility, safety, railroad crossing and identification signs for public facilities.
14. Security and Warning Signs: On-premise signs regulating the use of the premises. Signs that do not exceed one (1) sign that is two (2) square feet in residential areas and one (1) sign that is five (5) square feet in commercial and industrial zones.

Chair T.Micklus requested a draft of this assembled list be presented at the next meeting.

7. Minutes

At 7:16 p.m. S. Duchesneau motioned to approve the minutes of October 5, 2021 as written, with a second by B. Frye. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Adjournment:

At 7:17 p.m. B. Frye motioned for adjournment. S. Duchesneau seconded. Motion carried; meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cymone Haiju

APPROVED MINUTES:

 Date: 11/2/2021
Tony Micklus, Chair

Filed with the Milton Town Clerk's Office on this 3rd day of November, 2021.

ATTEST: , Milton Town Clerk