

Starksboro Planning Commission meeting
Minutes of August 4, 2022
Unapproved

Board members present: Brad Boss, David Schmidt, Jeff Keeney, Denny Barnard, Dan Nugent
Unable to attend: Dan Harris, Denny Casey
Others present: Rebecca Elder

The meeting was called to order to 6:30 p.m. by Vice-Chair Jeff Keeney. The meeting was in person at the Town Office and via Zoom.

Visitor's Business - none

Current Topics

Village Area Planning

Owners of land in the immediate village area are not currently interested in the development ideas the PC has discussed with regard to expanding residential options in the high density village center along 116. Given this, the PC will consider other options and areas for future housing growth.

Bylaw Review planning

The group discussed topics for the upcoming town survey. The previous survey included questions on firewood processing operations, EV charging stations, junkyards, and cannabis growing/market. The new survey will include an introduction from the Planning Commission about current trends, challenges, and opportunities and the context for bylaws updates and changes.

The board identified 4 areas to include for questions:

1. Density – Show current density chart and ask if people are happy with it as is? What changes might be useful to consider?
2. Uses – What kind of uses would people like to see in town? Anything that is not allowed that should be included or adjustments needed in zoning districts?
3. Architectural Standards in High Density and Medium Density zones
4. Setback requirements

The board also discussed specific sections that need review including 322.B (enjoyment of property), sound chart and sound measurement standards, permitted uses – review of what is currently not allowed in FC or ASSR districts. Rebecca will compile a list to begin language review in the fall.

July 21 Minutes

Motion: Brad Boss moved to approve minutes of 7/21/22 as presented. Denny Barnard second. **Vote:** Motion approved unanimously.

ARPA Committee Update

None – committee meets again on 8/10.

Jeff to invite the Energy Committee to the 9/1 PC meeting to discuss common work and goals.

Motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.: B. Boss moved, D. Barnard second.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Elder