

Town of Starksboro
Planning Commission meeting
Minutes of
October 7, 2021
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Board members present: Dennis Casey, Brad Boss, Jeff Keeney, Denny Barnard, Dan Nugent, Rodney Orvis
Unable to attend: Dan Harris
Others present: Kris Perlee (ZA),

The meeting was called to order to 7:15 p.m. by Chair Dennis Casey. The meeting was in person at the Town Office and conducted via ZOOM video/teleconference.

Visitor's Business – none

Current Business

Discussion of MAUSD Merger Plans

K. Perlee gave update on merger process. He explained that the merger committee has postponed their decision for 8 months and this gives the PC a little more time to get a letter together for the school board. D. Casey stated that it is still important to get a letter to the School Board. K. Perlee stated that he would work with R. Elder and have a draft to the board for their next meeting.

This discussion then moved to development growth options for the town. J. Keeney suggested that Starksboro should look into allowing retail marijuana. The board felt it would be something to consider. K. Perlee will research and bring info for the next meeting.

Discussion about Jerusalem School House (JSH) (addition to agenda)

J. Keeney gave an update from the JSH committee meeting he attended. D. Nugent asked why the PC was involved in this process. D. Casey explained that they have asked for feedback from PC. B. Boss asked why a fire station is even needed. A discussion about the fire house occurred. The following concerns were discussed: lot is too small, the uses are not compatible, parking concerns, and the roof pitch is not correct. It was decided that the PC would send a letter to the JSH Committee. The recommendation from the PC is as follows: The JSH Committee should move forward with the schoolhouse project, but they should look for another location for the fire house. K. Perlee will put this letter together and send out to the PC for feedback.

Discussion of Town Green project

D. Casey gave an update that Donna Norton is making progress on the retaining wall. D. Casey gave update that R. Turner didn't want any trees cut from the town forest for this project. M. Shepard and K. Tierney felt that would be a good use. M. Shepard and R. Turner did a site visit. The PC discussed the educational opportunities if the wood came from the town forest.

Review past work on Zoning Bylaw revision.

D. Casey will reach out to GMP and a water engineer to attend the next meeting to discuss infrastructure options for the town.

Approve September 2, 2021 Minutes

Motion to approve with corrections by J. Keeney, 2nd D. Nugent. So voted (6-0)

Next meeting will be **November 4th**

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Motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.: D. Barnard moved, J. Keeney second. (So voted 6-0)