

## Granville Planning Commission Meeting Minutes April 5, 2021

**In attendance:** Rachel Grigorian, Chair; Stephanie Walker; Bill Cavanaugh

**Public attendance:** Bruce Hyde, Selectboard chair; Judy Wood, John Hooganboom

**Call to Order:** 6:18 p.m.

### Public Comment:

Judy Wood asked about clarification for Rachel becoming an ex-officio member of the Planning Commission now that she's on the selectboard. Bruce continues to send information from the State that Rachel can stay a voting member. The digging on this subject will continue via statute 24 VSA 4322.

Stephanie Walker would like to see the PC be an intervening party for the cell tower. Rachel and Stephanie discussed options for what can be said differently from the selectboard's stance and if we will need an emergency meeting to vote on being an intervening party. Bruce mentioned the planning commission could join forces with the selectboard and work as one in the intervening process.

### **New Business:**

- Discussed details around the community gardens-potentially do a town survey to see who'd use it as a communal space or use it as a perennial garden space for all residents. Ideas for raspberries, pumpkins for picking, and perennials like asparagus. Use it as a space for community bonding and food security.
- Telecommunications Ordinance: Rachel recommended looking into Waitsfield's bylaws and research other towns' ordinances to find points we would want to replicate within our own plan.

- Discussed the energy reports briefly and if it would be worth getting Efficiency VT to come and check people's houses. We are unsure how helpful it will be.
- The idea of Zoning was brought up, citing Slate Ridge incident. A few comments made were that it would be hard to push zoning in Granville, but we could talk about bylaws existing for certain things.
  
- The construction of potential helipads in Granville was brought up as well and if we could make some sort of bylaw against it happening here.

**Old Business:**

- Talked about the creation of a walking path system to connect the designated village centers-reviewed route options and approaches we'd take with land owners. Possibility to find spots on fed land. We will reach out to the Mad River Path and RASTA folks for consultation.

Towards the end of the meeting, Bruce asked both Diane and John why they wanted to join the Commission and what they hoped to achieve as members. Bruce asked Diane if she'd recuse herself from any tower-related voting, and she agreed.

Rachel made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 P.M. and Stephanie seconded. All in favor none opposed.