

**Minutes
Planning Commission Meeting
Town of Coventry**

February 5, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.

Board Members Present:

Moe Jacobs ~ Chair
Josh Griffes - Vice Chair
Skip Gosselin
Phil Marquette
Mike Lucas

Town Officials Present:

Carol Simmons / Administrative Assistant to the Planning Commission

1. **Chairman Moe Jacobs called the meeting to order at 5:58 p.m.**

2. **Approve the minutes of the January 8, 2020 meeting:**
 - ❖ Josh made the motion to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2020 meeting.
 - ❖ Phil seconded the motion to approve the January 8, 2020 minutes.
 - ❖ Board members that were present unanimously approved and signed the minutes from January 8, 2020 as written.

3. **Allow for public comment:**
 - ❖ No public comment was noted.

4. **Guest David Snedeker**
 - ❖ **Junk Ordinance:**
 - David Snedeker joined the Planning Commission to discuss and share his knowledge concerning neighboring towns having adopted junk ordinances.
 - Members explained the Planning Commission thoughts regarding the need for some type of junk ordinance / policy. The purpose of said ordinance would be to regulate the disposal of solid waste, the location and outdoor storage of junk, junk vehicles and abandoned motor vehicles in order to protect the public health, safety, and well-being of the public and to protect the environment.
 - Members feel something needs to happen to improve the overall appearance of the town and make Coventry a better place to live.
 - David brought samples of town ordinances and info sheets regarding municipal policies and ordinances, info sheets on notice and posting requirements of ordinances and quick guides to ordinance adoptions, amendment or repeal. All info was handed out to members. David also discussed that VLCT would help prepare an ordinance when town was ready.
 - Conversation led to a discussion of the Wetlands and David stated Wetlands are regulated by the state and the town must work with the state in regards to anything to do with the Wetlands.

5. Mail

- ❖ No physical mail received for the month.

6. Planning Commission Budget:

- ❖ Tabled until next meeting.

7. Solar Energy Project:

❖ *Solar Energy:*

- Phil advised that Dori Wolf, the consultant in Texas is moving forward with the feasibility study.
- Phil confirmed the system would be approximately 123 KW. The kw amount was stated incorrectly in last meeting minutes (minutes from last month stated 118kw)
- Phil voiced concerns regarding two people contacting the consultant with redundant information. Phil and Skip need to communicate between each other regarding information so that the information going to the consultant is coming from one source.
- Phil has had discussions with Dave and engineer from VT electric regarding land to use for placement of solar project. Phil will send trace out and verify and send consultant maps
- Continue discussion at next meeting

❖ *Planning Commission:*

- All members agreed to continue to use and read manuals.

8. Planning Commission Manuals:

- ❖ Continue to read, review and use.

9. Other Business:

- ❖ Josh reiterated that the members would like to receive following months agenda and draft of minutes the second Friday following the Wednesday meeting so members can be prepared.
- ❖ Town Meeting will be held on March 3rd and all members should plan on attending.
- ❖ Moe Jacobs informed the members his term is up as of town meeting day and he would not be running for another term.
- ❖ Skip Gosselin informed the members that his term is also up and he would not be running for a position either.

10. Motion to adjourn:

- ❖ Skip made the motion to adjourn at 7:08 p.m. Mike seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

The next Planning Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

Maurice Jacobs / Chairman



Josh Griffes / Vice Chair

Robert (Skip) Gosselin



Phil Marquette



Mike Lucas



Carol Simmons ~ *Administrative Assistant*