

ZONING BYLAW REVIEW COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING FOR SEPTEMBER 25th, 2019

Meeting called to order at 6pm

Members present: Brigid O'Riorda, Art Pichette, Bill McCloud, Steve Gagne, Pat Coffee, John Kelsey, John Shaw. Visitors: Kenneth Comia (PVPC), Patricia Lewis, Melissa Redwin.

Accepted minutes of meeting of August 21, 2019

Committee met with Ken, and discussed how many hours would be available from the local tea asst. program. It looks like we will have 22 hours available up to end of December of 2019. Art asked about the district assistance program and was informed that we would need to apply in November of 2019.

There was a discussion of short term rental bylaws now in existence in towns our size and demographics. He believes that there is very little out there at this time but it is being looked at. Larger cities are using it for a revenue source, but the committee stressed that is not the reason we are looking at it. Safety of people using short term rental/air/b&b is the concern at this early stage of the committee looking at a possible bylaw. Patricia Lewis explained how she would be effected by short term rental.

The committee also asked Ken to look at a very simple bylaw for cell towers. It is recognized that the FCC regulates cell towers and we are looking at having something in zoning to protect Westhampton. The committee may also ask K7P to draft a cell tower proposal as they did not like the original one that this committee prepared. We will wait to see what PVPC suggests.

It should be noted that there is not a consensus from the committee members, as it is early in the discussion and data collection on short term rental, cell towers common driveways, and wind turbine towers.

Next meeting will be October 30, 2019 at 6pm in town hall.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

John Shaw,
Recorder