

Minutes Plainfield Planning Commission

Monday May 17th 2021

Present: Will Colgan, Paula Emery Jesse Cooper and Karen Storey.

Call to order

Approval of minutes

Karen made the motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Jesse seconded the motion.

It was voted in favor to approve the minutes.

Paula gave an update on the regional planning commission. One item was the helipad guidance for municipalities. The court ruling is that without any regulations in a municipality it is considered approval for the helipad. Towns in the southern part of the has had helicopters bringing in second home owners. Will said he would check with Zach if it's something Plainfield should consider.

She described the Berlin Town Center and its development. There are studies for extreme heat and Velco long range transmission plan. The increased load of electrical vehicles and increased summer air conditioner use will cause load issues in the next 20 years. The CVRPC is helping the COOP plan for the Route 2 intersection. Right now, that work could be 4 years away. The sidewalk project should be done during July and will involve closing one lane of the bridge for few weeks.

There was discussion on how the town can use COVID relief money. How the money can be spent is yet to be determined. The Montpelier subsidized housing program is a template that Plainfield could use. It would provide COVID grants to make additions or improvements that would increase the number of affordable housing units in existing buildings. This is a goal of the Town Plan. The regional and state goals for the COVID relief funds are for affordable housing, buying local, small business grants, child care and increased broadband.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40