

## **Pomfret Planning Commission Meeting**

Zoom Meeting 7p.m.

Pomfret, Vt

5/3/2021

Approved 5/17/21

**Present:** Bill Emmons, Cy Benoit, Ann Reynolds, John Moore, Nelson Lamson, Tim Reiter, Tyler Haire, Karen Hewitt Osnoe (Zoning Administrator)

**Absent:**

**Guests:** Ben Brickner, Joe Defoor, Betsy Siebeck, Wes Bloomberg, Mary

### **Call To Order/Agenda Changes/Public Comment:**

Billy Emmons called the Planning Commission meeting at 7:04 pm.

Public Comment. None.

Ann Reynolds moved and Cy Benoit 2nd to approve the 4/19/21 minutes... Motion carried.

Karen mentioned. New Bridge on driveway to Hunnewell Hearing on 5/4/2021. Permit application in the works for Hip Camp in 1980 garage house.

FEMA Watershed Discovery Meetings scheduled for 4/28/21 10:00am Jon Harrington and John Moore attended... If Pomfret is fortunate to get federal funding to update with more current data the Zone A floodway it appears the restrictions will be less onerous on landowners.

Wes Bloomberg from the Noise Clearing House in Montpelier is our guest speaker... Wes has spent 25 years helping communities with sound ordinances... His team has compiled a data base of the 500 largest cities in the USA each town having a minimum of 60,000 people. There are no towns in VT in that data. He has however worked with these towns in Vt.: Montpelier , St Albans and Fayston.

why have a sound ordinance: Will have a sound ordinance ... either have it proactive or after there is a problem. Define what is permitted and what is not. Developers need it...

Consider similar to controlling the landscape have a soundscape. Wes likes Distance (maybe 200 feet) that works because Pomfret is rural. Also Plainly audible, and the nuisance standard. Act 250 uses 70 decibels at the property line and 55 at the house. It wasn't clear why the ordinance and the bylaw did not accomplish the same thing... In a town without a police force hard to enforce the decibel. Inversions can cause the sound waves to bend. There is a state law re sound at night. Sound standard was mentioned for conditional use as we allow light industrial in town.

Ann Reynolds motion, 2nd John Moore Motion carried. adjourned at 7:20 pm

Next Meeting May 17th at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John Moore, Clerk.