

Pomfret Planning Commission Meeting

Pomfret Town Office
Pomfret, VT
8/20/18
Approved 10/1/2018

Attendance: Orson St. John,, Karen Hewitt
John Moore, Ann Raynolds , Nelson Lamson

Absent: Bill Emmons, Cy Benoit

Guests: Laura Lee Kent, Phil Dechert.

Call To Order/Agenda Changes/Public Comment:

Vice Chair Orson St. John convened the meeting at 7:35 p.m. A quorum was declared.

Public Comment... There was none.

Karen Hewitt reported:

Woodstock Resorts (S-6) has changed the hours of the Ladies Night to comply with the decision of the ZBA. At a later date they may request a ZBA hearing to consider additional hours.

Hewitt Hill Farm: Has a application in the works for a ZBA hearing to address the business they have re Weddings and Family Reunions.

Montella: Karen has given them a deadline of Sept 10 to respond to the letter sent. . If there is no response then she will issue a notice of violation.

The SB has requested that the PC give to the SB its recommendation for an alternate to the TRORC. Three candidates have come forward with interest in that position: Phil Dechert, Laura Lee Kent, and Karen Hewitt:

Phil Dechert reviewed his experience of 27 years as Norwich Planning Director. He has experience in zoning issues, transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) , 10 years plus, Selectboard and highway issues. Has experience with most aspects of what TRORC does and knows a lot of the senior staff as well as some of the new staff members. Phil wants to attend all meetings even if Bill Emmons (town representative) is in attendance. Many towns have both the rep and the alternate attend. Phil feels he can report back to the PC or the SB as needed.

Laura Lee Kent: Would like some way to be involved in the town. Laura Lee has been an auditor in the town for many years. She explained her background in Economic Development and land use in Oklahoma... She was a founder for the Connecticut Technology Council (CT.org) . This started out with a minimum budget and 11 members and grew to Million dollar budget and a couple hundred members under her leadership. She plans to attend the scheduled TRORC meetings.

Karen Hewitt: In addition to her duties as Zoning Administrator she would like attend the TRORC meetings even if we select an alternate other than her. Karen feels this would be a good learning environment to give her background for her job.

Ann Reynolds made a motion, Seconded by John Moore to go into executive session. Motion was carried.

Vice Chair Orson St. John reported back from the executive session that the PC appreciated the interest of all three qualified candidates and their interest to serve. After much debate the Planning Commission is recommending Phil Dechert to serve as TRORC alternate.

Next meeting will be Monday the September 17th at 7 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Submitted,

John Moore , Clerk