

DRAFT MINUTES
TOWN OF VERMONT PLAN COMMISSION MEETING
July 24, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.

Call to order and posting certification.

Tim called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was properly noticed: posted on the front door of Town Hall, posted on the town website, emailed to the online subscribers, and published in the Mount Horeb Mail and Star News.

Present: Tim Pierce, Diane Anderson, Dean Bossenbroek, Jim Elleson, Doug Meier, Scott Moe
Absent: Nick Balster

Approval of agenda

Doug moved and Dean seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

Approval of June meeting minutes

Jim moved and Doug seconded a motion to approve the June meeting minutes. Motion carried 6-0.

Public Input/General Comments

- Then and Now Exhibit photos will be set up in the Town Hall and will be on display at the Town picnic. David Stanfield will make a presentation at the next meeting.
- Dean Bossenbroek
 - What do we do when someone violates our ordinance or ridgetop protection?
 - Do we put it on the professionalism of the architect or contractor?
 - Would a penalty assessed annually be possible?
 - We could get the plans from the building inspector if there's a problem.

Chair's Report

- Town of Vermont Site Visit Notes to be considered at next meeting.

Homesite and Driveway Application, Dan Schneider & Jennifer Abplanalp

- The driveway and building envelope were staked.
- Sight Lines were adequate.
- This is a shared driveway.

Doug moved and Scott seconded a motion to approve the homesite envelop. Motion carried 6-0.
Jim moved and Doug seconded a motion to approve the homesite driveway. Motion carried 6-0.

Solar Energy Ordinance. Working topic.

Items discussed to be included in the ordinance were:

- Recommissioning, including, remediation, road damage, joint development plan and mowing
- Different level of solar energy
 - Individual
 - Community
 - Farms (large scale)
- Requiring the use of a PDR for every 5 acres
- Zoning, CUP is required in HC and FP-35 zones.
- Can something be grown underneath the panels?
- Need to comply with PC erosion control.

Driveway and outstanding permits review, Procedural

- The list of completed driveways was reviewed and updated.

Agenda items for the next meeting.

David Stanfield – Then and Now Exhibit

Ordinance violations and consequences of noncompliance with ridgetop protection

Town of Vermont Site Visit Notes

Solar Ordinance

Next meeting date

August 28, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment.

Scott moved and Dean seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Diane Anderson, Plan Commission Secretary