

Bethel Planning Commission
Minutes: Meeting of 10/21/15

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Attending: David Aldrighetti (Fire Chief), Tim Aldrighetti (Owner, Richards Trailer Park), Andrew Delaney (Chair), Fred Dieffenbach, Peter Dohrn, Mary Floyd (Conservation Commission), Carla Hodgdon, Chris Sargent (TRORC).

1. Call to Order. 7:01 PM.

2. Review /Revise Agenda. Guests were invited to speak prior to usual business.

Tim Aldrighetti questioned the implications of how the River Corridor area would impact possible improvements at the trailer park: it has been and is their goal to replace single-wide trailers with double-wide. At issue is the possibility that the increase in value of such properties would be prohibited given development parameters 'within flood plain'. Chris Sargent explained that 'the state' –while not providing written guidance as yet- has made clear that flexibility will be possible for those parks that fall within Village Zoning Districts, (which the Richards Park does). He did not think it would be a problem but will stay on top of state guidance as it becomes available.

Fire Chief Aldrighetti had spoken with State Fire Marshall Holmes and addressed the issue of whether the Unified Bylaw should limit the height of new buildings. At present, Bethel does not have a ladder truck and he would hope it does not become necessary. Our mutual aid with neighboring communities could have such a vehicle available if necessary.

3. Minutes of 08/19/15 and 09/16/15 Meetings. Approved as distributed in draft.

4. Correspondence. Notification from VT Castings regarding anticipated permanent closure of the Bethel plant: to start 10/25/15 and affecting 43 employees – File.

5. Proposed Amendments to Bethel Unified Bylaw: Proposed amendments from Section 3.8 through 4.8.5 reviewed with some revisions.

6. Other Business as Necessary. None identified.

7. Next Meeting / Agenda Items. Wednesday: NOVEMBER 18th at 7:00 PM
Agenda items: Continue review of proposed amendments to the Unified Bylaw.
Other Business as Necessary.

8. Adjourn. 8:35 PM.

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