

Wilmington Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes

Monday July 12, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

Open Meeting

Meg opened the meeting at 4:06 PM.

In attendance: Meg Staloff, Chair, Brian Holt, John Lebron, Angela Yakovleff

Mike Tuller, zoning administrator

Visitor: Michele Carlson

Possible Additions to the Agenda

None

Public Comment

None

Approve Minutes from June 28, 2021

John made a motion to approve the June 28, 2021 minutes. Meg seconded.

In favor: Angela, Meg, John, Brian

Opposed: none

Discussion on code changes to address housing needs in Wilmington, specifically:

Review final draft of Proposed changes to Article VII and Article X

Article VII, Section 733 changes, wording, grammatical and numerical.

Proposed zoning changes documented.

John made a motion to accept changes to Article VII, section 733

Brian seconded

In favor: Brian, John, Meg, Angela

Angela made a motion to accept the changes to Article X.

John seconded.

In favor: Meg, John, Brian, Angela

We need to send out a summary of these changes to adjoining towns. We are not required, but could send out our statement of purpose, or we could include the summary with our proposed amendments.

John thinks it makes sense to include the summary.

Review report to Select Board and vote on date (proposed August 9, 2021) for public hearing on the above

Changes in wording were made to make the document clearer.

Meg thinks we should send out the changes and additions with the statement of purpose.

Brian made a motion to send the above stated document with statement of purpose.

John seconded.

In favor: John, Brian, Meg, Angela

Continue to review the Electric Vehicle Charging Stations recommendations for possible inclusion in our bylaws.

Meg noted EV charging stations should not be in the historic district public right of ways.

Brian wondered who is in charge of the sidewalks?

-It is complex.

-VTrans and others

Charging stations could be anywhere that is already provisioned for parking.

How many charging stations constitute a fueling station?

There is an agreement in place with the Town and company to install two spots. Zoning says it's allowed to be there (without review.)

John thinks we should specify off street parking.

Board reviewed language in the document "Local Electric Vehicle Charging Station Regulation" concerning permitting.

-Do we limit the number of charging stations before going to the DRB?

-Meg thinks we need some sort of permitting. The document assumes setbacks, but we don't have them. '

Treat these separately from small structures.

Can we treat as accessory use, but not small structures.

Mike suggested looking at other ordinances.

Items for next meeting:

Members will report on specific EV language used in zoning ordinances from Brattleboro, Manchester Bennington, and Stowe.

Look into a planning grant.

Next meeting: July 28, 2021 at 4:00 PM.

John made a motion to adjourn at 5:29 PM. Angela seconded.

In favor: Meg, John, Brian, Angela

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Yakovleff, Scribe