

Glastenbury Planning/Zoning Board Minutes

February 22, 2021

Attending: Board Members Cinda Morse, Chair; Michael White; and Jerry Mattison. Also attending ZA BCRC Catherine Bryars and Rickey Harrington Glastenbury Supervisor; and the following members of the public: Travis Buttle.

Board Member Absent: Mike Gardner

This Zoom meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Chair Cinda Morse.

The agenda was reviewed and no board member had a conflict with anything on this agenda.

Regular Meeting Time: In a motion made by Jerry and seconded by Mike W. the board approved moving the regular meeting time to the 4th Monday at 7:00pm.

Minutes of November 12, 2020 – Minutes of the Gallagher Appeal Hearing were not available.

Update on BCRC Support Services to Glastenbury: Jim Sullivan, Rickey Harrington, and Cinda Morse met January 15th to discuss BCRC's support to Glastenbury. As a result: BCRC's Catherine Bryars has been appointed Zoning Administrator for Glastenbury by Rickey Harrington, Glastenbury Supervisor. BCRC will continue to warn Planning Commission/Zoning/DRB meetings as needed. Glastenbury will be billed the cost of warnings. After research with VLCT and reviewing the law for unincorporated towns, the process for approving the Zoning Bylaw will now include a public hearing by the Planning Commission/Zoning Board followed by a BCRC public hearing (rather than the Glastenbury Supervisor/Legislative Body). The Town Plan update approval will include a public hearing by the PC/ZB followed by a hearing by the Legislative body.

Bylaw Update Discussion: The most recent iteration of the Special Training Events Language was reviewed and discussed. It was suggested and agreed:

- that Canine training and some generic language that would cover regular law enforcement trainings be added;
- That we consider a general noise ordinance to cover that issue;
- That the permit be clear and simple and the existing permit be updated if necessary; and
- That the administrative review limits be 12 people and 6 days. More in either category would require a board hearing.

Cat will finalize the draft for a public hearing on March 22nd at 7:00 via Zoom.

Public Comments: Issues that were raised during public comments included the following:

- Snowmobiles using Glastenbury Road to access the VAST trails creates a safety issue. It was determined that this is a legislative issue and should go to the Glastenbury Supervisor Rickey Harrington for any action.

- Concerns about public parking both at the entrance to the Fayville Trail and at the VAST entrance. Current parking is very limited and therefore creates safety issues. This will be added to the “parking lot” issues to be discussed once the Bylaw and Town Plan are addressed.
- The Bridge on the Fayville Trail continues to be a concern. It is not safe and is also not covered by insurance creating a potential liability for the town. This also is added to the “parking lot” issues.
- Glastenbury Road Signage: It was noted that there are no speed limit signs on Glastenbury Road. Also no place for public notifications (eg ATV/Snowmobile use of road, training postings)
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Meeting adjourned at 6:42 in motion made by Mike W. seconded by Jerry.

Respectfully submitted, Cinda Morse Chair