

**Planning and Zoning Commission
Special Meeting
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Regular Meeting

Chair Kevin Grindle called the special meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission to order at 7:04 p.m.

Roll Call

Present were: Chair Kevin Grindle, Gary DeCesare, Sue Hochstetter, Ev Hyde, and Randy Thompson. Also present were Alternate Gloria Langer and Staff Member Martha Fraenkel. Absent was: Alternate Wayne DeCarli and Ann Grenier.

Additions to the Agenda

None.

Audience for Citizens

None.

New Business

MOTION: Everett Hyde/Gary DeCesare moved/seconded to approve the appointment of John Valenti as Zoning Enforcement Officer. All in favor. Motion passed.

Old Business

1. 2016 PLAN OF CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT – ONGOING REVIEW

Fraenle stated that the US Census reporting has not been done reliably. Census data is not correct and the gap in having this information is hurting business. Need administrative change to get information needed for reports. Hyde said the information is here but need someone to do the research and report.

There is more and more data to research and John will be doing the same now depending on time. We must have someone in Land Use office. No changes in enforcement or job description but someone should walk residents through process.

Business Section

Goals

- Provide support to local business community to retain and expand existing businesses
- Encourage the reuse and/or redevelopment of existing commercial sites and structures including old farms.
- Marketing (walking path, pamphlets, library, kiosk etc.)

Action/Implementation

- Evaluate the creation of new village zone in center with opportunities for limited small-scale retail business and offices.
- Encourage the reuse of large and historic agricultural properties for contemporary, economically viable uses such as educational opportunities, art and craft products and sales, tourist opportunities, recreational opportunities, large event venues, etc. Farmland into solar and some reuse.

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- Enhance the appearance of western and eastern business zone on Route 6.
- Utilize Town's website to support business including agriculture.

Members discussed parking issues on Main Street and zoning for parking control.

The next Special Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 18. Regular meeting scheduled for August 23

Adjournment

MOTION: Gary DeCesare/Everett Hyde moved/seconded to adjourn at 8:50PM. All in favor. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Cloutier
Recording Secretary