

**Town of Warren
Planning Commission
Minutes of Meeting
Monday October 14, 2019**

Members Present: Dan Raddock, Alison Duckworth, Jim Sanford and Randy Graves

Others Present: Rod Francis and Ruth Robbins.

Agenda: Call the meeting to order, 7:30 pm.

Regular Meeting:

1. Rod Francis of PlaceSense, Continue review of Part 4 starting at 4206 obtaining a Certificate of Compliance
2. Review and sign minutes
3. New/other business

Mr. Sanford called the meeting to order 7:38.

Mr. Francis suggested to the members that before going forward with the review of the draft of Article 4 that they take some time to look at and discuss the reasons why we zone land. He went on to first share some history behind zoning such as the relationship of the type of development, its uses and the people occupying it. Additionally zoning became important with the development of land and the associated infrastructure with it. There was also the introduction of environmental protections that influenced and gave rise to zoning regulations. Mr. Francis continued to talk about the rational approach to land use that brought about the grouping of like uses and the coordination of infrastructure. Zoning was also considered as furthering the public interest by having standards that provided consistency and applicability.

The purpose of this conversation was to get the thought process in the direction of looking at the Town's zoning districts and being able to answer the questions "do they meet the purposes and authority and is there consistency? He specifically grouped together the commercial districts and then the residential districts to be looked at as a whole and to identify what uses or impacts are truly unique to the individual districts in that group.

Though the Commission will return to the review of Article 4, they all agreed that the conversation was helpful in preparing their thought process for when they moved into discussing the individual zoning districts following the conclusion of the Article 4 review. Before Mr. Francis left, a brief discussion took place about short term rentals, Airbnb's and tiny homes. The PC then reviewed and signed the minutes and had an update of the status of the bike rack acquisition and the memorial/gift policy submitted to the Select Board. With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 pm.

Ruth V. Robbins
PC Coordinator
Planning Commission

Alison Duckworth date

Jim Sanford date

Randy Graves date

Dan Raddock date