

Planning Commission Minutes  
3/10/2021

Present: Vance Bell, Tom Johnson, Dawn Bower, Bill Dunkel, Kate Wright  
(meeting minutes)

Meeting via Zoom called to order at 6:34PM.

Review of meeting minutes from (date?) - Motion to accept by Vance, seconded by Dawn, all approved.

Bill shared a letter from ... about potential helipad or airstrip permit requests, which had been previously shared with the PC.

One critical consideration is regarding noise. Noise from the air can only be regulated by the federal government. Other elements of helipads or airstrip regulations are cited in the letter.

Question about whether it is something to be addressed by the PC.  
Vance - has looked into airport by golf course.

Do we need to address the possible requests for helipads or airstrips? All agree we should.

Questions about grandfathering in the existing airstrip 23 VT. In 2013 it was still an operating airport.

Consensus about gathering information about from other towns regarding this issue. Bill will also contact John ... about his input.

The author of the letter is willing to talk with us if we choose.

Question about Slate Ridge in Pawlet - "a school" which is a firearms training facility. Automatic weapons used. Town said he was violating zoning regs. Court ruled in town's favor.

Consideration about whether automatic weapons can be used in Windham.

If we do not permit a facility, can we assume that facility is prohibited?

PC agrees to look into what other towns are doing regarding permitting these kinds of facilities.

Next meeting on April 14th, 2021 at 6:30

Motion to adjourn at 7:37 by Dawn, seconded by Vance, all in favor.