

Townshend Planning Commission
Minutes
September 22, 2021 on the Town Common

Present: John Evans, Bob DeSiervo, and Andrew Snelling

- 1. Call to Order:** Chairman Evans called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
- 2. Approval of Minutes:** DeSiervo moved to accept the minutes of September 8, 2021 with the addition of the words “The Commission continued” added to the first sentence under Capital Budgeting and the addition of a coma in the fifth sentence after the word “used.” Evans seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- 3. Additions and Deletions:** none
- 4. Members of the Public:** none
- 5. Correspondence:** none
- 6. Old Business:**

Capital Budgeting Review of Town Hall: There was a discussion about how ADA requirements apply to historical building and specifically about Title II requirements for municipalities. There was not a common understanding on the meaning of “access to services and programs” and “undo financial and administrative burden” as used in Title II. It was agreed that further research was required
West Townshend VCD: No new update
Act 174 Energy Element: DeSiervo had suggested changes and comments on the draft document and will give Snelling a marked up copy for future discussion.
Traffic Calming: Evans stated that the new electronic signs on Route 30 in Jamaica seemed to be effective a slowing down traffic through the village area. Snelling offered that the State had guidance on how towns could put up electronic speed signs on State roads. He further offered that the cost of the signs was between \$3,000 to \$5,000 depending on features. Evans volunteered to talk with the town officials in Jamaica to learn more about their program.
- 7. New Business:**

Transportation Alternatives Grant: Snelling passed out the notice on the possible grant opportunity and the upcoming information meeting on October 5th.
- 8. Other Business:**

9. **Meeting Schedule:** Regular Meeting: October 13, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting: October 27, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m.
Weather permitting to be in person at the Gazebo

10. **Adjournment:** There being no further business to come before the Commission, Chairman, Evans adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew Snelling