

**TOWN OF CASTLETON
PLANNING COMMISSION
Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at 6:00pm
Castleton Town Hall
263 VT – 30
Bomoseen, VT 05732**

PRESENT: Robert Franzoni, Planning Commission member; Jonas Rosenthal, Zoning Administrator; Eliza LeBrun, Recording Secretary/Planning Commission alternate, Chris Cresi, Chair of Fire District #1; Kerry Fowler, Vice Chair of Fire District #1 as well as the Assistant Operator

ABSENT: Janet Currie, Chair; Joe Bruno, Vice Chair; John Pintello, Planning Commission member; Val Waldrun, Planning Commission member

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

As there was not a quorum, a regular Planning Commission meeting could not be called to order, instead an open discussion was held with 2 members of the public representing Fire District #1

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

As there was not a quorum, the Agenda was not approved.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL – June 11, 2019

As there was not a quorum, the Minutes were not discussed.

DISCUSSION

Mr. Cresi and Mr. Fowler presented their concern to the present Planning Commission members regarding concerns over the current “Well Head Protection Plan” for Well #1 on Mill Street. At this time, if there is an electrical failure, there is a large generator that can sustain the electricity. The gentleman expressed a need to eliminate cars/truck and other mechanical equipment from parking or driving within a 200 ft radius of Well #1 located on Mill Street. There are concerns that fluids from these items can seep into the water and be tasted at 1 part per million. They are also concerned about Well #2 on North Road.

Mr. Rosenthal and Mr. Mark do not believe that they have ever seen the *Castleton* “Well Head Protection Plan.” Mr. Cresi and Mr. Fowler presented drawings showing the well head protection area. Mr. Rosenthal believes that the plan *requires an* update every three (3) years. Discussion on how to update the current “Well Head Protection Plan” was discussed. Mr. Cresi and Mr. Fowler believe that the Planning Commission needs to approve any changes to the document.

Mr. Cresi and Mr. Fowler shared a concern in regard to Well #1. Mr. Johnson has leased land for hemp planting to Mr. Wissell. Mr. Wissell has brought in manure and have been parking vehicles while working the land within 125 ft of Well #1. The Well has since been closed as a precaution. Last Sunday, a trailer with a large planter was brought onto the property which dug a hole within 2ft of the aquifer(sp). Mr. Cresi and Mr. Fowler would like to know what can be done to stop this and make sure it does not happen again.

Mr. Rosenthal felt that the well *could* may now be contaminated, and the only recourse may be a civil suit. However, this was only his opinion. Mr. Fowler shared that samples will be sent to Endyne in Lebanon, New Hampshire for testing.

Mr. Rosenthal asked for a copy of the *Well Head Protection Plan* be provided to the Planning Commission as soon as possible for review. Mr. Rosenthal will also contact the Vermont Department of Agriculture and notify Mr. Jim Leamy the current Health Officer.

Mr. Rosenthal distributed a copies of a 2018 and 2019 Municipal Planning grant from another community pertaining to a re-write of a Zoning Ordinance. Others copies of grants have been requested from two other communities. More discussion will follow at a full Commission meeting.

ADJOURN

The open discussion ended at 8:15p.m.

Respectfully submitted; Eliza LeBrun, Recording Secretary