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Minutes of December 9, 1997

Members Present: Rich Furlong, George Robson, Dan Demars, Jane Greene, and Sam Guy.

Members Absent: Pat McCullock

Guest: Julia Compagna

The meeting was opened by Sam Guy, Chair of the Planning Commission, at 7:00 P.M.

Warned Public Hearing on draft Town Plan

Julia Compagna asked the Commission about fences if they can now go on the property line, junk and junk cars, and the clean up of building sites.

George explained that the Town Plan has no regulations and is the theory behind the bylaws. The Commission will be holding a public hearing on bylaw amendments in January. Fences have been address, junk and junk cars do not fall under zoning jurisdiction. She should contact the Trustees and/or Select Board as they and the health officer may be able assist her on cleaning up the neighborhood.

Ken explained the clean up of building sites regulations, as it is not as easy as the regulations say, since if a dwelling burns it can not be cleaned up until all investigations are completed, and a build is not abandon if the building is secured.

The Commission asked Julia again if she would like to join the Commission, as she concerned about the community, and knowledgeable about zoning bylaws and planning issues. She has declined the offer at this time.

Ms. Compagna informed the Commission that she is putting together a handbook for local banks on what is needed post Bianchi, where the information is located, who to contact, what towns have what requirements etc....

At 7:35 P.M. George made a motion to close the public hearing as there were no other questions from the public.

Rich seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Other Business:

Ken had received the information on the tower case in St. Albans Town, that George had

requested. The case deals with the replacement of a tower and the definition of essential public services. St. Albans Town does not have regulations on towers and/or telecommunication.

The Commission reviewed the definitions on essential services and decided to go with the definition in our book of definitions.

Ken presented the Commission with a copy of the proposed zoning bylaw amendments for the Town of Stowe. The Commission liked the uses of illustrations to describe what they want, rather than a lenghty written description. This appears to be the trend, and makes it easier for the public to understand what we are looking for. Ken will try to find out where they got the illustrations and what software was used. The Commission may look into the use of illustrations in future bylaw revisions. Rich raised the question, if Commission members should attend a Stowe's Planning Commission meeting to see how they conduct their meetings. The Commission felt that this may be helpful.

The Commission will try to prioritize their projects for the next year or two after the amendments to the Town Plan and Bylaws are approved. Members will try to make a list of idea for future projects in January.

Rich made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 P.M.
Jane seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth J. Sweetser, Scribe.