

Fair Haven Planning Commission  
Town of Fair Haven  
June 16, 2021

**Commissioners Present:** David Eighmey—Chair, Cindy Pritchard, Bill Wells,  
Bob Richards, Patrick Frazier

**Others Present:** Phil Adams—Zoning Administrator, Bonnie Rosati,  
Thom Brusco, Jeff Eaton, Lisa Jacobson—Minute-taker

**Call to Order:** 7:04 pm by David Eighmey

**NEW BUSINESS:** Discussion on the Eureka Lodge Sign and Zoning Approval for placement of the sign. Thom Brusco made note that this is a temporary sign being displayed only from Memorial Day thru Labor Day, therefore it shouldn't be part of the Memorial Park. Jason Eaton passed out a flyer showing what the sign would look like both in front and back. Patrick asked if the sign should be vandalized will it be covered by the town. Thom said the Lodge would cover the sign if it's not vandalism and the Lodge would be in charge of all maintenance and repair work on the sign including mowing under the sign. Bonnie asked how the sign would be put up and Thom said between two 4x4 posts.

Suggestions as to where the sign should be displayed were as follows: the village green, in front of the bank, in front of the cannon, near or in the park. Bob asked if the Planning Commission should designate the area. The Planning Commission all agreed the cannon area would be the designated location of the sign (as this is the working part of the park). David Eighmey asked ZA Adams if he'd approve this. ZA Adams will approve this as long as the Selectboard gives their final stamp of approval. Cindy made a motion to accept, seconded by Bob, all in favor (provided Selectboard's approval).

**Approval of Minutes:** Cindy made a motion to approve the minutes of May 5, 2021 as presented, seconded by Bill.

**Review of Mail:** Dave said we received a wastewater copy from the state regarding a failed leach field at 210 Scotch Hill Rd. Chris Hill was granted an extension for a construction deadline to get it fixed by September 30, 2021.

**Other Business:**

**Regarding both the Fair Haven Park Lighting Project and the Fair Haven Park-N-Ride Improvement Project:** Park Lighting Federal Aid - \$151,915; Park & Ride Federal Aid - \$288,090; 20% will be matched by the town.

ZA Adams said Town Manager Joe Gunter received Federal Grants for both new lighting in the park and rearranging the south side of the park for efficiency and Joe wanted to clear this with the Planning Commission first. ZA Adams doesn't feel an approval from the Planning Commission or a Zoning Permit is needed because this is on town property. Bonnie felt that

although it is on town property, the town should be held to the same standards as everyone else. ZA Adams had a difference of opinion. Bonnie asked why the town doesn't have to go before the Planning Commission or follow the same zoning regulations as all the others. Bob said the town has the ability to do certain things without the Planning Commission's approval; he also said the Selectboard is dealing with the costs of the flood lights.

Bob mentioned state approval is needed due to the roads and DuBois & King are getting the required State Inspections. Dave made note that the state is reasonably in control of the money they granted the town. **Actions:** Choose alternatives for Park Plans - Cindy asked if this should be dismissed. ZA Phil said the Selectboard made the changes and he didn't feel they needed approval. ZA Phil also said if major changes were being made then he would ask for zoning permits and local review.

ZA Adams also made note that we want our park to stay pristine and felt extra signs are a concern suggesting that we have some type of control over where signs are placed.

Patrick agreed that Bonnie brought up a good point – people who live near the park may be affected/impacted. Bob said PC had a public hearing and it was already agreed. Dave asked what the next move is. Cindy said we are not changing the use of the park or the parking lot; we are just improving it.

Patrick asked about proposals for security cameras. Bob said he doesn't know where they're at with that.

Bob asked why we have not sent a decision to Stewart's yet? Bonnie said there is a 30 day appeal period and it is a formal decision. Bonnie also mentioned that half of the applications aren't complete. Bob asked how we can rectify this and Dave said the rule book says we have 45 days. Dave also said we will get this done.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Bill Wells motioned to adjourn, seconded by Patrick Frazier. 7:38 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lisa Jacobson, Minute-taker