

Glastenbury Planning Commission/DRB Minutes *FINAL*

January 24, 2023

Attending: Board Members Jerry Mattison, Chair, Mike Gardner and Mike White. Scott Grimm-Lyon – Acting Zoning Administrator. Callie Fishburn – Benington Regional Commission, Chad Skinner – Benington Regional Commission Glastenbury Representative. Members of the public: SFC Luis Beveraggi, VT National Guard, Captain Matthew Corneau – VT National Guard (via Zoom) Travis Buttle – Fayville LLC agent and VT Fish and Wildlife Dept., (via Zoom),

Call to Order: The meeting was held in person and over Zoom. The meeting was called to order by Chair JM at 7:00pm.

Conflict of Interest: No board member had a conflict with any agenda item.

Minutes of September 26, 2022: A motion made by MW to approve the minutes and seconded by MG. The minutes were approved. MG abstained because he was not present at the September meeting.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

New Zoning Administrator: BCRC had proposed Scott Grimm-Lyon, BCRC Regional Planner/Solid Waste Program Manager for the Zoning Administrator to take over from Cat Bryars. S. Grimm-Lyon introduced himself and gave a brief work biography. C. Fishburn will assist with the transition. Communication of meeting material (agenda and minutes) should be sent to both Scott G-L. and Callie F.

Zoning Application: Fayville LLC, (with T. Buttle acting as agent) applied for a training event permit for four National Guard training event and three law enforcement training events.

National Guard events:

- The February 2023 training would occur. Trainings scheduled for May, July and August likely would not occur but were included as an option because to save on future zoning application fees, since the is \$200.
 - o MW pointed out that the permit can cover a two-year period and it would be beneficial to the applicant to include any potential events that the applicant foresees happening in that period.
- The proposed details of the events were reviewed.
- Neither of the board members or the Acting Zoning Administrator had any concerns with the National Guard training as proposed.

Law enforcement events:

- Proposed trainings are scheduled for 5 April, 5-9 July and 14 August 2023.
- T. Buttle indicated the dates are approximate and may change.
- MW asked whether there would be activity each of days of the multi-day July training, the approximate duration of live fire drills, the time of day of the shooting and for clarification on sanitary facility use.

- T. Buttle indicated training will take place each day. Training for each scheduled event will be a combination of classroom activities, field activities, and live-fire drills. Firing is sporadic and hard to summarize. Some depends on the particular training exercise and some depends on trainee efficiency. Mostly live firing will occur during daylight hours but one training will occur under low-light conditions. The pit toilets at the Fayville LLC camp will be used for the training.
- Discussion ensued about notifying neighbors and other parties and about flexibility with the scheduled dates of events.
 - T. Buttle indicated he had already been communicating with town residents/landowners.
 - MG made a motion that the four Glastenbury residents/landowners along Glastenbury Road (Burke, Harrington, Scott and Mattison) and local law enforcement should be notified by the applicant of training events involving live-fire drills at least 21 days prior to the event. Further, for any event included in the application, the event could take place 30 days before or after the date specified in the application. JM seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

T. Buttle requested a log be kept of complaints received about the activity related to the training events.

- The board agreed and indicated the Zoning Administrator would be responsible for that. Complaints should be forwarded to the Zoning Administrator.

Public Comments: None.

Other Business:

- JM indicated to Scott Grimm-Lyon and C. Skinner that the State of Vermont controls most of the aspects of Glastenbury, because it is an unorganized town.
- MG asked whether Glastenbury's is vulnerable to a large-scale solar project, like that recently proposed in Shaftsbury, and how much local input would be possible.
 - C. Fishburn reassured the board that the Glastenbury town plan is as solid as it can be in limiting solar arrays and maximizing local input because it includes the enhanced energy section.
- S. Grimm-Lyon's appointment to Zoning Administrator has not been signed off on by Rickey Harrington, Town Supervisor.
 - S. Grimm-Lyon will follow up with Rickey to address that.
 - In the interim, the time being, S. Grimm-Lyon will be considered Acting Zoning Administrator.
- MG brought up the question of whether the town or the board could be held responsible if something went wrong at a training event that had been approved, especially if it included a member of the public recreating on the land. He referenced a new ruling that lands used for commercial purposes are not protected by Vermont's landowner liability laws for uninvited guests.
 - After discussion, the board did not think the town or the board could be responsible but S. Grimm-Lyons said he would look into it.
- Zoning application form: S. Grimm-Lyon suggested there be a training event-specific zoning application and would look into creating one.
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Adjournment: MW made a motion to adjourn, seconded by MG. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Mike White, Glastenbury Planning Commission/DRB Board Member