

# Glastenbury Planning Commission/Zoning Board Minutes *DRAFT*

January 30, 2024

Attending: Board Members Jerry Mattison, Chair, Mike Gardner and Mike White.

Scott Grimm-Lyon – BCRC – Zoning Administrator. Members of the public: Travis Buttle – Fayville LLC agent and VT Fish and Wildlife Dept., SFC Zakery Hunt, VT National Guard (via Zoom).

**Call to Order:** The meeting was held in person at the BCRC office and over Zoom. The meeting was called to order by Chair JM at 7:02 pm.

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

**Minutes of February 28, 2023:** A motion made by MG to approve the minutes as is, seconded by MW. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Old Business:** None

**Zoning Administrator Report:** Presented by S. Grimm-Lyon:

- A training event permit was received from Travis Buttle on behalf of Fayville LLC.
  - o The application was for two VT National Guard training events (February 2-4 and May 4-5) and five VT Fish and Wildlife/Local Law Enforcement training events (April 18, June 3-7+10-12, July 25, August 20 and October 8) in 2024. This was similar to an application by the same applicant for events in 2023.
    - MW asked if any public complaints were received related to the 2023 training events.
      - S. Grimm-Lyon did not hear any comments, complaints, etc. The same was true for the board members.
    - SFC Z. Hunt was asked how the training event in 2023 went and how the February 2024 event would compare. He indicated he's new to his position but that he believes the 2023 event went well and the February 2024 event would be similar, except with somewhat fewer in attendance.
    - T. Buttle highlighted that the dates for the VT Fish and Wildlife/Local Law Enforcement events were subject to change and that he would attempt to give 30 days notification if a date changed.
    - MG made a motion to approve the application as submitted, MW seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- FEMA updated the Flood Insurance Rate Map for the Deerfield watershed, covering the eastern portion of the town. No action is needed. Maps for the Batten Kill, Hoosic and Walloomsac watersheds are plan ed to be undated in 2027, at which time the board will need to review and adopt the Final Community Report.
- The BCRC's once-every-three-year Municipal Consultation and Review was due in 2024, following the VT Department of Housing and Community Development requirement, which S. Grimm-Lyon executed.
  - o S. Grimm-Lyon provided a consultation report and indicated everything is in order.
    - If the Board or town would like to pursue any work, that could be offset with a Municipal Planning Grant.

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**New Business:**

- Based on the Municipal Consultation discussion, JM inquired about a Hazard Mitigation Grant to address culvert/box culvert replacement on Glastenbury Road.
  - o JM suggested a current Hazard Mitigation Plan would be required to apply for funding.
    - S. Grimm-Lyon indicated the town's Hazard Mitigation Plan is from 2018.
  - o A brief discussion occurred about the need to apply for funding to put toward culvert replacements since the road is the responsibility of the state, and how to get the state to take on/prioritize the work, with or without the funding.
- MG indicated he thinks there is more traffic on Glastenbury Road because of the development on the Shaftsbury end of the road and suggested maybe Shaftsbury can contribute to road maintenance on the section of road in Glastenbury.
  - o JM is planning to meet with a representative from the town of Shaftsbury in the spring to review maintenance.
  - o MW indicated this is probably more under the purview of the Glastenbury Town Supervisor than the Planning Commission/Zoning Board.
- JM gave a brief overview of the status of the Glastenbury fire tower, which is closed due to structural issues.
  - o The US Forest Service is intending to pursue repairs.

**Public Comment:**

- No direct public comment was received.
- MG reported that he had heard from two parties that they were disappointed they are not allowed to ride snowmobiles on Glastenbury Road.
- JM reported that he learned of a metal detecting Youtube channel that did a four-part series on detecting in Glastenbury and suggested there may be issues with detecting on land in town.

**Adjournment:** MG made a motion to adjourn, seconded by MW. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.

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