

Town of Amherst
Planning Advisory Committee
Minutes

Date: March 2, 2020
Time: 4:30 pm
Location: Council Chambers, Town Hall

Members Present Councillor Terry Rhindress
Deputy Mayor Sheila Christie
Gordon Goodwin, Citizen Appointee
Ronald Wilson, Chair
Larry Pardy, Citizen Appointee

Staff Present Jason Macdonald, Deputy CAO
Andrew Fisher, Manager of Planning and Strategic Initiatives
Kimberlee Jones, Municipal Clerk
Marc Buske, Building and Unsightly Premises Administrator
Emily Wainwright, Administrative Assistant

1. Call to Order

1.1 Approval of Agenda

Moved By: Citizen Appointee Goodwin

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Christie

That the March 2, 2020 agenda be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried

1.2 Approval of Minutes - December 2, 2019

Moved By: Citizen Appointee Goodwin

Seconded By: Councillor Rhindress

That the minutes of the December 2, 2019 be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried

2. 1 Park Street - Demolition

2.1 Staff Report

Marc Buske reviewed his report included as part of the package.

2.2 Committee Questions/Comments

Councillor Rhindress asked if the large hole from the property would be left open or if it will be brought up to be level with the ground. Mr. Buske replied that it will be backfilled and will be graded.

Citizen Appointee Purdy asked if this recommendation is based on health and safety. Mr. Buske said there is quite a long history and the owner does not comply with orders. The property is getting worse over time. Mr. Pardy then asked if there can be any other purpose than a livable purpose, such as it being suitable for a storage facility. Mr. Buske replied that anything can be repaired, but they amount would far exceed the value of the property. Mr. MacDonald added that the property is zoned as residential, and commercial use would not be allowed. He also added that there is no electrical or plumbing in the building.

2.3 Owner Questions/Comments

The owner of the property, 1 Park Street, was not in attendance.

2.4 Complainant Questions/Comments

Alice O'Brien of 5 Park Street, complainant, was in attendance. She stated there has been many issues with racoons. That the roof is coming off into pieces, and pieces are falling onto her property and hitting her cars. You can see the black mould from her house. She has approached the Town many times before but nothing more than the lawn being mowed has been done.

3. Discussion of Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Kim Jones discussed the process of the election of Chair and Vice-Chair to take place the first meeting of the new fiscal year. Information item; no direction given, or action required.

4. Adjournment

Citizen Appointee Goodwin motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:52pm.

Ron Wilson, Chair

Kimberlee Jones, Municipal Clerk