

Comprehensive Plan Updates – October 17, 2019

The Planning board met to continue discussing updates to the Comprehensive Plan. The amendments to the Park section have been approved and passed by the Town Board. The fee schedule was examined and found that there have not been any updates to that section since 1992.

Chairman Harris stated that the bigger the house, the more inspections and the new energy codes have increased the inspections as well.

The Board looked at each fee in section 74 of the Town Code. There was much discussion and consultation with Code Enforcement Officer, Michael Hartman. While most felt that doubling the fees would be in order, Mr. Hartman expressed his concern that the main intention of the fees was to make sure that residents did not proceed with a project that would not be safe. One fee that needed updating was the accessory building, which is set at \$35.00 now and he would like to see a \$50.00 increase.

Robert Spencer asked if Royalton was updating their fees and how do they compare with Hartland.

Hartman stated that our fees were actually higher than Royalton, even before any updates.

Beverley Snell said that the purpose of the permits was not to make money, but to make sure that buildings were safe. By keeping the fees low, it will keep the people coming in.

After much discussion and raising the concerns to increase fees, it was decided that Code Enforcement Officer, Mike Hartman is the best judge of which fees should be increased.

The Board asked Hartman if the installation of the possible solar panels would increase his work load, he replied that there would be a significant increase in inspections for various stages of the construction.

The Board called for adjournment and asked to change the meeting time to 6:00pm for the work session before a regular meeting time of 6:30. It was agreed on unanimously to change the meeting time.

Adjournment was at 8:45 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Cynthia S. Boyler, Secretary