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**DERBY PLANNING COMMISSION \*\*\*MINUTES\*\*\* February 1, 2021**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bob DeRoehn, Hazen Converse, Joe Profera, Cynthia Adams (by phone).

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Barbara Sheltra.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Joe Guay, Jeannette Graff, Pat Austin (by phone), Roscoe Dorsey (by phone), Bob Kelley.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.**

**APPROVE MINUTES:**

Bob DeRoehn moved to approve the November 9, 2020 minutes as written, seconded by Hazen Converse. Unanimous.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**NEW/OLD BUSINESS:**

**Review Proposed Bylaw Amendment requested by Casella Waste to add “Recycling Transfer Station” as a Permitted Use in the Commercial/Industrial (COM/IND) zoning district** – Mr. Guay, Mr. Austin, Mr. Dorsey, and Ms. Graff explained Casella’s request. Currently “Recycling Transfer Station” is only allowed in the Industrial zoning district. Casella offers zero sort recycling to their customers in the area and have bought out Austin Rubbish. They wish to move Mr. Austin’s business to a property they would lease at 333 Citizens Rd. All the recycling transfer would be done inside an existing building. Cardboard is collected separately for their commercial customers and would be bailed and shipped to market. They would compact the rest of the recycling and ship it to their Williston sorting facility. The Commission was concerned with the number of trucks that would be using the facility. Casella anticipates 1-2 box trucks per week leaving the facility with cardboard and the same for the recycling. This is material they would be collecting from the Northeast Kingdom. The Commission would like to think about this and discuss it again at their next meeting. Casella is hoping to have the facility running by summer if the Town agrees to the proposed amendment.

**Zoning Bylaw Review** – The Commission tabled further review of the bylaw until their next meeting

**Mail** – The Commission reviewed their mail.

**Bylaw Amendment to add “Recycling Transfer Station” to COM/IND zone** – The Board discussed when they would be meeting next and discovered it would not be until March 15<sup>th</sup> due to Presidents’ Day and Town Meeting. They did not feel it was fair to delay Casella that long. After discussing their concerns they felt that they should go ahead and schedule a formal Public Hearing for the proposed amendment to get public input. Hazen Converse moved to schedule a Public Hearing on March 15, 2021 at 6:30 PM for a proposed bylaw amendment to add “Recycling Transfer Station” as a Conditional Use in the COM/IND zoning district, seconded by Bob DeRoehn. Unanimous.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Due to Presidents’ Day and Town Meeting the next regular meeting is scheduled for 6:30 PM on March 15, 2021. Cynthia Adams moved to adjourn at 7:30 PM, seconded by Bob DeRoehn. Unanimous.

*The minutes were taken by Bob Kelley.*