



**EAST PETERSBURG BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 21, 2024**

Meeting began at 7:00 P.M.

**Roll Call:**

Present: John Schick Chairman, David Keener Vice-Chairman, John Kerchner, Joshua Roberts, Marvin Stauffer, John Wolf, Pamela Stevens – Systems Design Engineering  
Absent: Rory Buckwalter, John Schick

**Approval of Minutes:**

*It was moved and seconded (J. Kerchner / M. Stauffer) with unanimous approval, to approve the July 18, 2024 meeting minutes.*

**Visitors:** Wayne Martin

**Public Comments:** None.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:**

**1. Review request for Barn Demolition located at 5890 Main Street.**

Wayne Martin was contracted by the owner of 5890 Main Street. Mr. Martin said the barn is in poor condition, therefore the owner would like to tear it down rather than put money into it. Mr. Martin said the upstairs does not seem safe to store items. They would like to demo and then rebuild on the same footprint.

The planning commission reviewed the application as the recommending body. The application would ultimately need to go to council for their approval.

The barn is currently a non-conforming structure, so if they would receive approval to rebuild, it would have to remain on the same footprint and the size would have to stay the same.

The application does not state the existing size. It only states the size of the proposed new building. This information should be included.

The zoning officer noted the applicant's permit application to demolish the structure must provide a written statement as to if the following details are correct.

Pamela Stevens said it would be hard to pass along a recommendation to Council without all of the information. She said the opinion of SDE is that the question should be asked as to whether or not the structure is of historic value. The applicant should check with Sam Maurer at the historical society about this. A structural engineer analysis should be done to determine if the structure is unsound. The upper floor could possibly have new beams put in to reinforce the floor. If it is considered historic, work should be done to make the improvements rather than demo it. There is a list of criteria that needs to be met in the zoning ordinance for it to be demolished. E-mails were sent to the applicant regarding the list of information needed, but not all the information was received.

The Planning Commission agreed there is not sufficient information to make a recommendation.

*It was moved by John Wolf and seconded by Marvin Stauffer, to table the request of the barn demolition at 5890 Main Street, due to lack of information. All members voted yes in a roll call vote to table the application until additional information is received to complete the application.*

**Announcements:** None

**Adjournment:** *It was moved by J. Wolf and seconded by J. Kerchner to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kim Strayer, Recording Secretary