

Minutes of the East Montpelier Planning Commission

APPROVED 2/7/13

January 3, 2013

PC Members Present: Rick Hopkins (Chair), Tom Pierce, Gene Troia, Jack Pauly, Scott Hess, Jean Vissering, Kim Watson, Ken Santor

Others Present: Kristi Flynn (Recording Secretary), Julie Potter

Call to Order: 7:08pm

Public Comment: None

Change to Agenda: Final look at Economic Development
Add A Look at the Town

Town Plan: Discussion of Public Comments on Draft Chapters

Economic Development:

- Added text boxes
- Cleaned up margins
- Good to go

A Look at the Town:

- Good to go with minor changes

Regional Issues:

- EM is the next tier of growth but citizens want rural character
- Mention fire department combined with Calais
- Expand on North Montpelier Village as growth center
- Add discussion of EM role in the region
- Consider changing the title of the chapter
- Has check against other plans been done? Look at current adopted plans and regional plan – Julie Potter volunteered to look at the regional plan
- Chair and Vissering will review town plans of neighboring towns

Wastewater Disposal:

- Reviewed comments and made appropriate changes
- Good to go

Recreation:

- Included information on comments from 9/20 public meeting
- Appendix # needs to be specified
- Good to go with minor changes

Housing:

- 2010 rental unit data
- Actions needs to be changed to 'should'
- No chapter deals with town facilities
- East Montpelier Village and North Montpelier Village consistent
- EM can do its own housing needs assessment – DIY workbook available – add as an Action
- Mention 2010 census data or change to 2009
- Don't include chart on last page
- Good to go with changes

Wetlands, Waterways & Wildlife:

- Added reference to Coburn Pond, protection of rivers, fluvial erosion hazards and mapping
- Include appendix of common/uncommon wildlife
- PC decided there is language regarding buffer zones in the zoning regulations
- Add Action: minimize storm water run-off using low-impact development (LID) techniques
- Good to go with changes

Earth Resources:

- Bedrock geologic map will be included
- Surficial geologic map – give it a name
- Good to go

Fire Protection and Ambulance Coverage:

- Still pending fill in of some trend data

Police and Disaster Planning:

- Drop sentence regarding EST as emergency shelter
- Good to go

Acknowledgements:

- Add people who have helped with the Plan
- Include Jen Mojo and Dan Currier

Preface:

- Include new sections that have been added: Economic Development
- Lower groundwater extraction threshold
- Major revision as opposed to an update
- Create new village district
- Inclusion of 2011 town survey
- Created Energy Committee

Finance:

- Tabled to 1/17 meeting

Items to review at 1/17 meeting:

- Finance
- Regional Issues
- Preface
- Fire Protection
- Review maps from CVRPC
- Assemble next draft
- Schedule public meeting after Town Meeting

Julie volunteered to do a consistency check on the assembled draft and will make changes as necessary. The PC will consider removing sub-chapters in the table of contents. The appendices need to be compiled.

Review of Minutes

December 20, 2012 – tabled to 1/17

ZA Report

- Nothing new to report.

DRB Report

- Nothing new to report

Other Business

- None

Motion to adjourn. Made by Ms. Watson; seconded by Mr. Hess. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:20p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kristi Flynn, Recording Secretary