

January 5, 2012

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

Others Present: Dina Bookmyer-Baker (Zoning Administrator), Kristi Flynn (Recording Secretary), Julie Potter

Call to Order: 7:03pm

Public Comment: None

Changes to Agenda: None

Town Plan Discussion

Land Use Patterns (Jean Vissering)

- Added background and goals for the future
- Be consistent – East Village or East Montpelier Village
- Potential growth areas – informally-designated use instead of formal growth center
- Village Center designation needs to be acknowledged
- Action – study done to see if growth areas can support additional growth
- Future – use stronger language about what the PC wants; be affirmative in the Actions
- Include water and sewer issues in the village
- Maybe in Villages section – create village overlay; smaller lot sizes; consider a maximum lot size

Villages & Growth Areas (Jean Vissering)

- East Village is formally designated as a village center; clarify where the village is concentrated (map)
- Include what the benefits of the designation are
- Ask SB to officially create a Wastewater Committee
- Include Park N Ride and Fire District map; define what a fire district is
- Add a small section on the U-32 growth area; consider change to Gallison Hill growth area
- Clearly state Goals and Actions; each growth area can have its own Goals and Actions

Scenic Resources (Jean Vissering)

- Include telecommunication towers, wind turbines; provide guidance on protecting scenic views
- PC to review wording as it doesn't flow well

Fire Protection (John Audy)

PC would like to see:

- Paid staff members
- Number of volunteers
- Sustainability, training, retention
- How the Templeton Road station is used
- Dry hydrants and access to water
- Section needs more data and details: how many calls, what kind of calls, how trending

Police & Disaster Planning (John Audy)

PC suggestions:

- Designate Incident Command Center
- Designate Commander; need clarification on the chain of command
- Reference Emergency Operations Plan

Business Activity (Scott Hess)

- Economic Development chapter – new requirement but little guidance
- Hess will contact Jen Mojo at CVRPC for help and feedback
- Regional plan has a chapter on economic development

Agriculture – review at the 1/19 meeting

Plan public meeting schedule – table to 1/19 meeting

Review of Minutes

November 17, 2011

Motion: I move to approve as presented. Made: Watson, second: Pierce

Vote on Motion: Passed 6-0

December 1, 2011

Motion: I move to approve as amended. Made: Watson, second: Pierce

Vote on Motion: Passed 6-0

December 15, 2011

Motion: I move to approve as amended. Made: Watson, second: Pierce

Vote on Motion: Passed 6-0

ZA Report

Two new permits since the last meeting.

DRB Report

The next meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2012:

Rubin Bennett – change of use

John Sanfacon – appeal of Notice of Violation

Other Business

- Energy Goal meeting on 1/21 from 1:00-4:00pm at EMES – mainly a brainstorming session; co-sponsored by East Montpelier PC and Transition Town Montpelier
- Hazard Mitigation Plan Update – submitted to FEMA for conditional approval on 12/22/11. The PC requests that the Corresponding Secretary send a note of thanks to Jen Mojo for her superlative effort on the Plan.
- North Montpelier Village – did not get the Municipal Planning Grant, will try again next year

Next meeting Thursday, January 19, 2012

Motion to adjourn. Made by Mr. Santor; seconded by Ms. Vissering. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:40p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kristi Flynn, Recording Secretary