

January 17, 2013

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

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

Call to Order: 7:06pm

Public Comment: None

Change to Agenda: None

Town Plan: Discussion of Draft Chapters

Preface:

- Good to go

Regional Issues:

- EM Town Plan is compatible with regional town plan according to Julie Potter
- Julie will draft a new paragraph regarding the regional plan's goals and actions
- Town doesn't feel the projected housing growth is realistic
- Jean Vissering will work with Julie on revisions
- Good to go with minor changes

Finance:

- Page 2 – change personal equipment to firefighting equipment
- Consider adding paragraph on Best Practices
- Good to go with changes by Chair

Fire Protection:

- Trend data on page 3 was updated/filled in
- Cost/call data included?
- Good to go with minor changes

Acknowledgement:

- Mention other town committees and boards who helped
- Good to go

Discuss Status &/or Content of Maps for Town Plan

- Will be in color online, black & white for printed copies
- All maps need to list the data sources
- Remove reference to Town Forest around U-32 on all maps
- Use same base map for all roads
- Agriculture Land Use – different data points from last Town Plan
- Protected Land – remove key A-S; add key with parcels and acreage identified
- Conservation Overlay – add river in key; add water/wastewater/surface water
- Significant Habitats – OK
- Wetlands & Waterways – OK
- Well-head Protection Areas – move description names off blue areas
- Roads by Functional Class –
 - Check on urban road classification
 - Typo on Rural Minor
 - Compare to 2008 version; may not be compatible with Transportation chapter
 - Does town have its own classification?
 - Consider simplifying the map
 - Rural/urban designations not needed
- E-911 Sites –
 - Mark emergency shelter as U-32
 - Some roads show as going through even though they don't
 - Acknowledge source & dates
 - Review commercial farms
- Housing District – OK
- East Montpelier Facilities – needs a key; add Town Forest on North Street/Baird parcel
- Historic Sites – add note to refer to table/key
- East Montpelier Land Use – re-label zoning districts; consider changing colors of districts

- Potential Growth Areas – change map to Areas not Centers
- EM Village – make circle larger
- Gallison Hill – include Towne Hill Road intersection
- Village Center Designation – different scale, needs more detail of the village; show parcel lines and where it is in town
- East Montpelier Trails – OK

Discuss Schedule for Public Hearing for Town Plan

1. Authors send chapters to Jean Vissering as soon as possible, before 1/25/13
2. Send final copy to Julie Potter for consistency review
3. Make 12-15 hard copies made for the PC
4. Full draft for PC by 2/7/13 for review
5. Have plan ready by 2/21/13 to warn for public hearing
6. Host public hearing on 3/21/13 (tentative)
7. Give final draft to SB the first of May

Discuss PC Report for 2012 East Montpelier Annual Report

Reviewed and submitted for the Town Report.

Review of Minutes

December 20, 2012 – tabled

January 3, 2013 - tabled

ZA Report

- 3 new permits since last meeting

DRB Report

Next meeting is 2/5:

- EMSLI conditional use review
- Blackwell subdivision
- Miller sketch plan review

Other Business

- None

Motion to adjourn. Made by Mr. Lane; seconded by Mr. Santor. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:45p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kristi Flynn, Recording Secretary