

Minutes of the East Montpelier Planning Commission

APPROVED 2/2/12

January 19, 2012

PC Members Present: Rick Hopkins (Chair), Tom Pierce, Mark Lane, Ken Santor, Jack Pauly

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

Call to Order: 7:07pm

Public Comment: None

Changes to Agenda: None

Town Plan Discussion

Discuss schedule for public meetings

- Article for SignPost is due 1/30/12
- Discussion on how to notify people of plan and how they can give feedback
- Assemble 2nd draft and then open up for comments
 - Discuss a few chapters at 3 different PC meetings
- Chair will draft an article and send around to members

Business Activity/Economic Activity (Scott Hess) – tabled to next meeting

Agriculture (Bruce Chapell)

- Does Agriculture and Open Space Committee still exist?
- Reference to pages/maps needs to be revised
- Clarify Agriculture Land Use Map – what is it referring to
- Move Current Status to after History – show how many farms there are
- Expand the Economic impact paragraph ; show impact of farmland being developed
- Important – farmland/buildings not subject to local zoning but are subject to state regulations
- Actions – Revolving Loan Fund Committee?; re-word bullet #5
- What is missing is anything the town can do to encourage agriculture, such as a farmer's market

Historic Resources (Dave Coburn)

- Add Action – consolidate books, documents, artifacts in one safe, secure location (Four Corners Schoolhouse?)
- Check on active cemetery status

Townpeople (Dave Coburn)

- ELF is now Four Winds
- Include applicable results of the 2011 survey responses
- SignPost – include website
- Include Front Porch Forum that started in 2012

Review of Minutes

January 5, 2012

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

Vote on Motion: Passed 5-0

ZA Report

Vermont Compost Company update – ZA called Mr. Hammer who said that he will not be applying for a local permit; the ZA will send a Notice of Violation letter.

DRB Report

January meeting was cancelled and re-scheduled for February 7, 2012; there is a site visit for the Sanfacon property on 1/28/12.

Next meeting Thursday, February 2, 2012

Motion to adjourn. Made by Mr. Santor; seconded by Mr. Pauly. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:03p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kristi Flynn, Recording Secretary