

February 20, 2014

PC Members Present: Rick Hopkins (Chair), Jean Vissering, Scott Hess, Jack Pauly, Kim Watson, Julie Potter, Tom Pierce, Gene Troia, Mark Lane

Call to Order: 7:10pm

Public Comment: None

Additions to the Agenda: None

Continuation of Discussion of Items for Revision to Zoning Regulations

Review and discussion for replacement of Table 2.6 provided as a draft from Ms. Vissering.

Conservation Overlay District (A)- No discussion – accepted as written

Conservation Overlay District (B)- Discussion

Rivers, Streams and Floodplains and Fluvial Erosion Hazard Areas

- General concept for this section is to include the water resource map in town plan which identifies all rivers, streams and floodplain.
- Agreed that section would be covered under Article 9 which will be re-written with the assistance of CVRPC.
- Presentation of “river corridors” represents the retooled Article 9 which includes “fluvial erosion hazard areas”
- Article 9 will also have its own set of definitions
- Suggested that we replace all reference to “fluvial erosion hazard areas” to “river corridors”
- CVRPC will complete a detailed map for these areas which will be referenced in Table 2.6
- The map will have to combine all features

Conservation Overlay District (C)- Discussion

Wetlands

- Regulated by the state.
- The map in the town plan will be used to display all wetlands
- These wetlands are considered Class 2
- Put the citation or internet “url” to the NRB (Natural Resources Board) of the state website which provides the rules associated with wetlands. This internet reference will take you to the rules as written by the state NRB.
- Any proposed changes to go to the Selectboard and the town attorney

Conservation Overlay District (D)- Discussion

Water Supply

- Information from ANR websites to identify water supplies. Identification of the source protection areas. These areas are well defined on the map in the Town Plan.
- Question as to whether we should be consider the favorable water supply area identified as the “blue section” section in the geology map.
- Rather than going into permitted uses or conditional uses as allowed in the zone we should identify prohibited uses such as: fuel storage, vehicle depot, vehicle repair, landfill operations (refuse) landfill of soils, manure storage, or septic facilities.
- It was discussed that the “blue section” just indicated that sponge like soils and not necessarily favorable for water other than the flow rate was favorable for high yields.
- It was suggested that the “blue section” not be included in the map and that the section be limited to water supplies as shown as blue circles on the water resources map.
- Ms. Vissering will review and make recommended edits for further discussion next time.

Conservation Overlay District (E)- Discussion

High Elevation Area

- Agreed to update map to include all ridge lines above 1500’. This will change the green section to actually be smaller.
- Additional ridge lines would appear around North Street.
- It was agreed that not much should be changed for this section.
- It was agreed that the last sentence would be deleted from the text.
- In the second to last sentence “intensive” should be deleted.
- Gene proposed changing the allowed height be changed from 35’ to 25’.

Ms. Vissering will make changes based on the discussion above and will present back to the board next time.

Mr. Troia made a motion on the floor to table all other items on the agenda to next meeting.
Mr. Lane seconded the motion

Motion: I move to table all additional agenda items until the next meeting. Made: Mr. Troia, second: Mr. Lane
Vote on Motion: Passed 9-0

TABLED

Review of material Distributed February 6, 2014 by DEC & CVRPC Regarding River Corridor Protection

Review Minutes – February 6, 2014

ZA Report

DRB Report

Next DRB meeting is March 11, 2014.

Kim will not be able to be there so let Bruce know if any PC members are available.

Other Business

BIG AND HEARTFELT THANK YOU to RICK HOPKINS for all his years of service on the PC and for being an excellent Chair. The PC also thanks TOM PIERCE for his years of service.

Motion to Adjourn. Made: Mr. Troia, second: Mr. Pierce. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Watson, Corresponding Secretary