

Minutes of the East Montpelier Planning Commission

APPROVED 3/7/13

February 21, 2013

PC Members Present: Rick Hopkins (Chair), Kim Watson, Scott Hess, Mark Lane, Tom Pierce

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

Call to Order: 7:07pm

Public Comment: None

Change to Agenda: None

Farm Contract Committee Discussion

Kim Watson discussed the Farm Contract Study committee report and will ask the Town Administrator to send it to all PC members.

Town Plan: Review Draft Plan

The current draft is posted on the SignPost website and five extra copies are available at the Town Office Building. Minor changes to the maps will be made for the final draft.

Discuss PC Strategy for March 21, 2013 Hearing on Draft Town Plan

Have a PC member announce the public hearing at Town Meeting on 3/5/13 and put a copy of the Notice out for people to take. At the hearing, there will be a handout of the table of contents and the discussion will be organized by these topics. Julie and Kim volunteered to keep notes on flipcharts; the Chair will ask the TA to bring two easels and flipcharts to the hearing. There will be a two-week comment period in which lengthy comments can be submitted in writing.

Brainstorm Concepts for Future 2013 PC Activities

- Review withdrawal threshold for groundwater – North Street springs; limit engineering schemes; utilize state resources
- Review Hazard Mitigation Plan – required annually
- Review Conservation Overlay – development vs. additions; look at differences in zones/Route 2
- Review zoning districts – industrial vs. commercial/residential, along Route 14 particularly
- Look at feedback on zoning regulations – request list of questions from DRB; definitions consistency
- Review Actions on Page 85 of draft Town Plan
- Schedule shared meeting with DRB after April 2013

Review of Minutes

February 7, 2013

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

Vote on Motion: Passed

ZA Report

- PC budget as proposed was accepted by the SB

DRB Report

- No meeting since last PC meeting
- Site visit at EMES scheduled for 3/19

Motion to adjourn. Made by Mr. Lane; seconded by Mr. Hess. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:28p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kristi Flynn, Recording Secretary