

March 16, 2017

PC Members Present: Jean Vissering (Chair), Mark Lane, Kim Watson, Scott Hess, Norman Hill, Julie Potter, Ray Stout

Call to Order: 7:00pm

Changes to Agenda – None

Public Comment - None

East Montpelier Village Master Plan: Review Draft Chapter 5, EM Village Vision and Plan

- Ms. Potter presented a brief introduction of the draft plan.
- It was asked why all the goals uses the word “will”. Ms. Potter offered a brief explanation.
- Goal 5.3. Goal 3. It was suggested that “and” be used instead of “or”. All agreed to the change.
- Mr. Stout was concerned about mitigating the impact of any new charges in respect to the goals. Ms. Potter will review this suggestion and bring back potential changes to the next meeting.
- Mr. Stout questioned the meaning or thought behind the word “small” and there is no definition of small. Ms. Potter stated that the DRB would or may clearly define this.
- Ms. Potter and Ms. Vissering brought up the term neighborhoods and its use rather than village areas and based on discussions with the PC it was decided to leave as “village areas” rather than neighborhoods.
- Section 5.4 Mr. Stout suggested exploring walking trails connecting through the village and school. Ms. Potter will investigate and look for language to include that in all sections. Also, there was discussion about VAST trails and their connectivity to the village. Ms. Potter will work on coming up with language that will cover these trails and their connectivity to the village plan and edit accordingly.
- Medium Density Village; Line 6 Mr. Hill suggested to change undeveloped to large undeveloped areas and the committee agreed. Ms. Potter will make these changes in this area.
- Village residential area descriptions were discussed and combination of recreational field and EMES wording. Ms. Potter will review and revise for the next meeting.
- Page 9 which goes into a discussion on existing development and the buildout analyses done to look at the potential for additional development lacks full documentation, therefore, it was suggested that more documentation be included in the village plan. Ms. Potter indicated that the full document will be included in an Appendix.
- Ms. Potter reviewed the working schedule for completion of the village master plan. She noted that the PC should pay particular attention to the public meetings to be held in June and September. Ms. Potter will work with the EMES to see if we can plan the public meeting around some event at the School.

Review of Proposed Application Packet for Conservation Projects Seeking Town Funding

- The PC looked at the application packet and Ms. Vissering had some suggested language changes in the purpose and other sections of the packet.
- Changes were suggested as follows: Ms. Potter thought in Paragraph #3 that the PC should be made aware of any applications that come in front of the conservation committee. The PC agreed to these changes.
- The PC approved that Ms. Vissering could submit her suggested changes and edits on behalf of the PC.

Notice: Planning Commission Organization at April 6, 2017 PC Meeting

- Election of Officer and of PC Rules of Procedure
- Ms. Vissering noted that we could put forth the same slate of officers but would welcome any new candidates

Update on East Montpelier Old LaPerle Farm Property Committee:

- Grant application is being finalized and Bruce is reviewing it before it is sent to Housing and Conservation.
- Next meeting last week in March

Review Minutes

March 2, 2017; change ag to agricultural

Motion: I move to approve minutes as amended. Made: Mr. Hess, Second: Mr. Hill

Vote on Motion: Passed 6-0

Abstain 1

ZA Report

None

DRB Report

No report. Hearing postponed due to storm until March 21, 2017.

Other Business

None

Motion to Adjourn. Made: Mr. Stout, second: Mr. Hill. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Watson, Secretary