

Minutes of the East Montpelier Planning Commission

APPROVED 4/19/12

April 5, 2012

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

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

Call to Order: 7:05pm

Public Comment: None

Changes to Agenda: None

Town Plan Discussion

PC reviewed draft proposed chapters to the town plan

Transportation (Pierce)

- Traffic count on collector roads is generally down
- Bike lanes should be considered for new paving projects
- Arterial Roads – mention the new intersection
- Update paving dates – contact Bruce Johnson
- Expand on bus/public transportation – more data
- Add map of roads as appendix
- Mention Ancient Roads Committee
- Budget figures need to be updated – look in current Town Report
- New Projects – sidewalks in the village
- Add Long Term Plans
- Suggested Goals – include bike plans; bus transportation; sidewalks in the village; and reducing the size of required roads

Scenic Resources 2nd draft (Vissering)

- Discussion regarding renewable energy and finding the balance, nothing specific was proposed
- With a few changes, the chapter is ready to go

Economic Development 2nd draft (Hess)

- Discussion of businesses in town
- Increase in accessibility of high speed internet was a significant problem in the past
- Change to Select Board

Groundwater section – tabled to future meeting

Revisit concept of public meetings

Discussion was held regarding holding public meetings in June and July on certain topics as they are ready. The PC will re-visit at the 4/19 meeting.

CVRPC Representative Report (Tim Carver)

Mr. Carver came to the PC to report on the proposed merger between Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC) and Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation (CVEDC). The entities serve 2 different functions: CVRPC works for member towns and creates a regional plan; CVEDC creates jobs and helps businesses.

Review of Minutes

March 15, 2012

Motion: I move to approve the minutes as presented. Made: Watson, second: Hess

Vote on Motion: Passed 9-0

DRB Report

At the last meeting (3/20), the DRB approved the Hawkins subdivision, approved the Bennett change-of-use, and approved the Woodward/Utton subdivision, with one lot divided by Lyle Young Road.

For a Joint PC/DRB meeting, the DRB will come up with a list of their interpretive needs, particularly dealing with subdivisions.

Other Business

Farm Contract Study Committee – Kim Watson volunteered and was recommended

Next meeting Thursday, April 19, 2012; hold Election of Officers

Motion to adjourn. Made by Mr. Troia; seconded by Mr. Santor. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:35p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kristi Flynn, Recording Secretary