

April 19, 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

Call to Order: 7:00pm

Public Comment: None

Changes to Agenda: None

Town Plan Discussion

PC reviewed draft proposed chapters to the town plan

Energy & Energy Conservation (Grundy)

- Current status – need more data on energy consumption at the state level
- Make note – 2.5 megawatt = 500 homes
- Add info on Energy Committee and what they have done/are working on
- Clarify Act 250 bullet on page 2
- Localizing Food Production – needs more clarification – explain connection with energy
- Re-format goals and actions by category – 2-3 sentences under each goal heading
- Drop the numbers, use bullets
- Actions – identify responsibility, put a timeline for each action
- Clearer transition from current status to goals – rationale and background
- PACE – needs explanation

Housing (Troia)

- Includes updated data points
- Relevant to point out comparisons from 2000 to 2010
- Affordable housing – how are we going to address this (mandatory) – must acknowledge it
- Include map of desired locations for affordable housing units; Julie will send out state statute regarding affordable housing
- EMSLI – group is mostly non-functional
- Goals – replace the word ‘encourage’ in most goals
- Action – challenge CVRPC’s housing needs assessment

Town Government – tabled to future meeting

Forest Resources – tabled to future meeting

Review of Minutes

April 5, 2012

Motion: I move to approve the minutes as presented. Made: Lane, second: Watson; **Vote on Motion:** Passed 9-0

DRB Report

Fontaine – approved with condition he amend the state access permit to allow additional lots

Farnham – requesting variance to build a garage, setback is too small, DRB scheduled a site visit

Noyes – approved for one apartment, mandated by Environmental Court

Clark – review of a PRD, will come back on 5/15 for formal review

Town Plan Discussion (cont’d)

Groundwater Chapter – Erlbaum

- According to Senator Ginny Lyons, the only way to prevent water bottling is to expressly prohibit it in our Town Plan and zoning regulations – otherwise, NAFTA could trump the regulations
- PC wondered whether an all-out ban is constitutional – Erlbaum will research
- Re: withdrawal threshold, where did 35,000 come from and would it affect other users in town, such as farmers
- Transfer of ownership – can PC single out a particular industry to require re-permitting, generally permits travel with the property
- Monitoring and enforcement – seen as an issue

Next meeting Thursday, May 3, 2012; hold Election of Officers, VLCT report by Pierce

Motion to adjourn. Made by Ms. Watson; seconded by Mr. Lane. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:20p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kristi Flynn, Recording Secretary