

June 15, 2017

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

Others Present: Bruce Johnson (Zoning Administrator), Kristi Flynn (Recording Clerk), Bob Wright, Jackie Wright, Richard Harrington, Anne Mixer, Kimberley Jessup, Casey Northrup, Devon & Ross Mroczek, Kate Taylor, Karen Liebermann, Paul Erlbaum, Rachael Grossman

Call to order: 7:05pm

Changes to Agenda – None

Public Comment – None

Public Forum on East Montpelier Village Master Plan

The Chair gave some background on the village plan, an overview of the plan and why the PC is working on the plan. Ms. Potter reviewed the vision statement, the subareas and minimum lot sizes and the buildout analysis. Ms. Potter also reviewed the fourteen action items. The Chair reviewed the next steps for the PC, which includes another forum in September or October on the final draft.

Questions and Comments:

- Will a wastewater system be addressed? The PC noted that it is being addressed and the Old LaPerle Farm property may be a possible solution. Shared systems and small community systems will be encouraged. There was some discussion regarding the Crystal Springs water system that covers most of the village but doesn't have capacity right now.
- Will a village green/pocket park be included? The PC noted the green in front of the church. A river walk behind the station would be desirable. The Old LaPerle Farm property committee is looking at utilizing the built-in green space.

Likes/Dislikes about the plan:

- Like the spirit of the plan, appreciate the layers of planning
- Like the sense of place, it's exciting
- Like the walk & bike-friendly sense and the connectivity; the PC noted the new sidewalks planned and the new Park N Ride facility
- Concern – would like to have a reason to come to the village, but concerned with the increase in taxes and cost of living due to smaller lots; the Town Administrator noted that taxes are not based on property being sub dividable

Public forum adjourned at 8:05pm

Regular PC meeting convened at 8:10pm

East Montpelier Village Master Plan: Review June 15 Public Forum and Discussion of Next Steps and Potential Revisions to Master Plan

The PC noted that it was a good presentation and the forum was well-attended.

Reminder on Town Plan Update Assignments

For the 7/6 meeting, the PC members need to start looking at their chapters by reviewing the goals and actions; make sure they are realistic and achievable. For the new requirements, the Chair will re-send the documents from Mr. Vorwald, which states places that need improvement and new things that need to be added. The Chair sent out a Word version of the Town Plan so that PC members can make changes to the document or make notes on additions and deletions. Ms. Potter noted that the CVRPC can help with data updates and she will coordinate on this issue.

Update on East Montpelier Energy Committee

The committee will meet with Mr. Vorwald on July 5th. Eight people attended the previous meeting and it was a good group. The end of July is the deadline for the CVRPC draft energy plan for the town.

Update on East Montpelier Old LaPerle Farm Property Committee

The SB accepted the grant. The recommended consultant will be doing a free analysis of the property and will present the analysis at the July meeting.

Review Minutes

June 1, 2017

Motion: I move to approve the minutes as amended. Made: Mr. Lane, second: Ms. Watson

Vote on Motion: Passed 7-0

ZA Report

Four new permits

DRB Report

Next meeting is 6/27 with three hearings: Witham, Atwood and MacDonald/Morse

Motion to Adjourn. Made: Mr. Lane, second: Mr. Hill. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kristi Flynn, Recording Clerk