

July 2, 2015

PC Members Present: Jean Vissering (Chair), Norman Hill, Julie Potter, Scott Hess, Jay Stewart, Kim Watson, Gene Troia, Mark Lane

Others Present: Bruce Johnson (Zoning Administrator), Kristi Flynn (Recording Secretary), Michelle McFadden

Call to order: 7:03pm

Changes to Agenda – None

Public Comment – None

Discussion on East Montpelier Village Future Planning with the Village Committee

Topics of discussion/concerns:

- History of Village Committee – founded 14 years ago by Jean Vissering and Michelle McFadden
- Accomplishments:
 - Committee has written and received two grants
 - Vision of village – led to Village Study
 - Village signs
 - Rally Day in the Village
 - Sidewalks/intersection
 - Bridge project
- Issues:
 - Property issues
 - Infrastructure/wastewater
- Village Center Designation – for historic core – receive tax incentives for upgrading historic properties
- Future planning:
 - Zoning in the village – streets that circle back, higher density/smaller lots
 - Probably need 1 acre lots for onsite septic – potential septic on Winston property or fire station lot
- Commercial development
- Village on the other side of the bridge – up to the railroad tracks, ½ dozen businesses, all feel part of the village but would like a connection to the lower village
- Village characteristics
 - Street layout
 - Mixed uses
 - Similar facades/setbacks
- Update on Park N Ride:
 - Deed has been agreed upon but not signed
 - 22 spaces, motorcycle spots, bike rack, electric charging station
- The PC took a walking tour of the Village

Discussion of Upcoming Municipal Planning Grant Application; Possible General Topics

- Plans for the Village
- Need a vision to apply for a grant
 - Create village zone
 - Solutions for wastewater – engineering study instead of planning study
 - What do we want the village to look like – hire a planner
- CVRPC would help write the grant application
- Sam Anderson with Economic Development Corporation might be worth talking to; she may be able to help determine what is possible
- Grant application is due September 30, 2015
- PC should ask RPC prior to August so that the application can be reviewed in September
- Ms. Potter has agreed to draft something that will explain what the PC would like to focus on

Motion: I move to propose that Ms. Potter draft an outline of a grant proposal for submission to the PC for approval. Made: Ms. Watson, second: Mr. Hess

Vote on Motion: Passed 8-0

The PC will submit to the RPC by August 1st. The PC will have 3 meeting before the 9/21 SB meeting (SB needs to approve the grant application). The PC feels a planner experienced in village zoning is needed.

Review Minutes

June 18, 2015

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

Vote on Motion: Passed 8-0

ZA Report

2 new permits since last meeting

DRB Report

Next meeting is 7/7/15 – Central VT Human Society coming for a permit amendment

Environmental Court updates:

Packard won appeal

Wells – no decision yet

Sanfacon – hearing on 7/29; Pollock has filed for enforcement

Motion to Adjourn. Made: Mr. Hess, second: Mr. Troia. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kristi Flynn, Recording Clerk