

July 6, 2017

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

Others Present: Kristi Flynn (Recording Clerk)

Call to order: 7:05pm

Changes to Agenda – Review SB meeting

Public Comment – None

East Montpelier 2018 Town Plan Update

The PC reviewed several sections of the current Town Plan and made the following suggestions for revisions/additions:

A Look at the Town – Norman Hill

- Mr. Hill suggested some different language regarding the Abenaki Indians
- Typo on page 10 – insert 'to' between 'began' and 'survey'
- Ms. Potter has Excel spreadsheets for charts on page 12 – Mr. Hill will research US Census data site
- Page 13 – get job figures from Vermont Department of Labor

East Montpelier and the Region – Julie Potter

- The section that mentions regional organizations has mixed types of organizations and is missing some; Ms. Potter suggested the social services organizations be moved to the Social Services section
- Comparison of Town Plans needs to be updated
- Actions – PC should meet with other towns prior to completing the Town Plan
- Concerns throughout the plan – some goals sound like actions and there are too many actions
 - Suggest fewer goals
 - May need more policies
 - Look at opportunities
 - Ms. Potter suggested a new section that deals with focused, priority action items, detailing how they will get done
- Page 13 Current Status, first paragraph – change wording after "It is fair..."
- Page 14 – add suggested language from Mr. Hill
- Page 17 Future Challenges – re-word the last sentence

Town Government – Norman Hill

- Current Status – re-word section on Fire District; also referenced on page 90
- Include paragraph on website before Elected Officials
- Elected Officials – remove those who are now appointed and add to Appointed Officials section
- Include Capital Improvement Committee under Appointed Officials section
- Distinguish paid versus volunteers
- Change the Recreation Board description
- Rally Day – can reference it but note that it is currently dormant
- Actions – delete #4, #5 and #8

Finance – Jay Stewart

- Data needs to be updated
- Act 46 school consolidation – reference here but add specifics in the Education section
- Page 24 – 2nd paragraph – check with Treasurer on consolidating
- Page 25 – farm contracts program has changed, can probably be removed
- Consider referring to 'current Town Report' instead of listing specific figures
- Goals – delete #3
- Consider streamlining goals/actions throughout the Town Plan

Townpeople – Norman Hill

- Page 30 – delete 2nd full paragraph
- Embellish the paragraph that references Front Porch Forum
- Re-wrote section on Four Corners Schoolhouse
- Remove reference to farmers – check with Bruce Chappell
- Remove – Rally Day and town website paragraph
- Expand – SignPost and EMSLI paragraphs
- Jean Cate Fund – Mr. Hill will check to see if they still produce the booklet on the town
- Page 31 – change Forest Committee (not Forestry); add Old LaPerle Farm Committee

Recreation Committee – Ray Stout

- Carleton Smith Fund – will check with Treasurer
- Swimming lessons – Mr. Stout will check with someone on the Recreation Board
- Will add reference to non-profit status
- Add expanding existing rec space
- Consider adding reference to Montpelier Senior Center and Twin Valley Senior Center, exercise classes at Four Corners
- Include activities, not just facilities; at U-32, add the tennis courts

Trails – Jean Vissering

- Working with the EM Trails Committee to update; will include the new Ormsbee trail
- Page 36 – reference town and trails websites
- Expand the Gully Jumpers paragraph
- Update Cross VT Trails paragraph; include EMES and U-32 trails
- Goals – mention river walk, links to trails
- Map needs to be updated

Economic Development – Scott Hess

- Incorporate information from the draft Village Master Plan when completed
- Update boxes of information on page 38-39
- Mention challenge of high-speed internet
- Update list of businesses
- Resources – update wastewater language; remove paragraph on North Montpelier
- Page 40 – update sidewalk paragraph
- Future – incorporate Village Master Plan; add, "PC and Village Committee worked to enhance..."
- Goals – delete #3
- Actions – delete #8
- Include paragraph on PC developing Village Master Plan

Historic Resources – Jack Pauly

- Page 42 – change website reference
- Page 46 – find out where town's artifacts are stored
- Page 42 – errors in North Montpelier inventory; check with Sandal Cate to see if these were corrected

The PC will meet the first week on August to review a future land use map and consider applying for a 2018 planning grant.

East Montpelier Village Master Plan: Discussion of Next Steps

Tabled to a future meeting

Consideration of Application for a 2018 Municipal Planning Grant

Tabled to the first week in August

Update on East Montpelier Energy Committee

The PC will use what comes out of the Energy Committee for the Energy section in the Town Plan. The deadline is the end of July for the draft plan being worked on with the CVRPC. The Energy Committee will continue to work on the Energy section for the Town Plan after the draft is done.

Update on East Montpelier Old LaPerle Farm Property Committee

The next meeting is July 21.

Review Minutes

June 15, 2017

Motion: I move to approve the minutes as written. Made: Mr. Lane, second: Mr. Hill

Vote on Motion: Passed 7-0

ZA Report

Three new permits

DRB Report

DRB approved two new subdivisions: Witham and Atwood; DRB also approved a variance on Brazier Road, though not unanimously. A new DRB member is needed as Andrew Greenwald stepped down because he is moving out of state.

Other Business

- The SB applied for and received a grant to study the Gallison Hill/Town Hill/Brazier Roads intersection
- On 7/10, there will be a presentation at 8:15pm by the Community Forestry Program at the SB meeting; they will be completing a study on roadside vegetation management as a way to prevent run-off and erosion

Motion to Adjourn. Made: Mr. Hess, second: Mr. Lane. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kristi Flynn, Recording Clerk