

July 7, 2016

PC Members Present: Jean Vissering (Chair), Julie Potter, Norman Hill, Jay Stewart, Ray Stout, Jack Pauly, Scott Hess, Kim Watson

Others Present: Kristi Flynn (Recording Clerk), Eric Vorwald, Kim Swasey, Michelle McFadden

Call to order: 7:00pm

Changes to Agenda – None

Public Comment – None

East Montpelier Village Master Plan: Planning for July 21, 2016 Public Outreach Event: Discussion with Eric Vorwald, CVRPC Senior Planner

The PC has the space at the Fire Station from 5-9pm. The public portion will be from 6-8pm, with set-up by the PC starting at 5pm. The PC will meet from 8-9pm. It will be a low-tech event with 6 different stations to write down ideas. PC volunteers are needed for each station. The PC has \$125 in the grant to spend on refreshments but agreed to save some for the Rally for the Village. Ms. Potter will pick up a cheese/fruit platter. PC members should arrive between 5-6pm for set-up. Additional marketing strategies were discussed to get the word out:

- Visit all businesses in the village, particularly the 5-10 busiest
- Visit most residents in the lower and upper villages, including the Sandy Pines area
- Put up a flyer at Bragg's Farm
- Get e-mail addresses on a list, as well as at all public events

Eric Vorwald went over the content that will be presented at the six stations:

- Interactive stations around the room for soliciting information
- Village boundary maps
 - 4 versions – small, medium, large, blank
 - Will have a blank one for people to draw another option on
 - PC discussed including EMES in the village or not; concern about conserved land across the road
 - Some PC members would like a larger version, asked Mr. Vorwald to make the large version a bit larger
 - Some discussion about aligning with the fire district boundaries
- Vision statements
 - Current options 1 & 3 mention the village, #2 mentions the town
 - PC would like to focus on the village
 - Language suggestions:
 - Variety of housing options
 - Build new streets
 - Density
 - Sidewalks
 - Parks, playgrounds
 - Mix of community and business
 - Connected (i.e. internet)
- 2011 Village Study
 - Are people aware of it
- What you like/don't like about the village
 - No limit on opinions
- What does the village need
- Density maps
 - Use green, yellow and red dots to see what level of density people would like to see

After the meeting, have a pdf/hardcopy version of the maps and questions available for those who couldn't attend. Mr. Stout offered to take flyers around to his neighbors prior to the event.

East Montpelier Village Master Plan: Update on September 10, 2016 "Rally for the Village"

The Chair was notified that Becky Brown is trying to organize a rally day event on 9/10; she will try to coordinate with Becky.

Update on potential activities for the day:

- Start with talk at hangar building with Dave Coburn
 - Historical presentation, tour of the hangar and upper village, something for the kids (petting zoo?)
- Walking tour of the lower village
- Walking tour of Old LaPerle Farm property
- Farmers' presentation – possibly a farmer's market with passive invitations

Land Conservation in East Montpelier: Summary of Selectboard Discussion on Fairmont-Lylehaven Phase I Funding; future PC meeting with Britt Haselton, Farm Project Director, Vermont Land Trust

At a recent meeting, the SB voted down making a \$6000 contribution from the town for the Fairmont land conservation project. The SB wants the town to have a voice in these conservation projects, particularly since the town was left out of this project. The PC will meet with Britt Haselton of the Vermont Land Trust (VLT) at a future meeting, as well as the funding organization, the Vermont Housing Conservation Board (VHCB). VLT does not have to include the town currently, but the town wants to be more involved. The SB will be re-evaluating the conservation criteria in the near future.

Update on East Montpelier Old Laperle Farm Property Committee

Mr. Stout reported that the SB has agreed to pay Amy Macrellis from Stone Environmental and she will be attending the committee's meeting on August 8th.

Review Minutes

June 16, 2016

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

Vote on Motion: Passed 7-0-1; Mr. Hess abstained

ZA Report

3 new permits since last meeting

DRB Report

- Next meeting is July 12th

Other Business

- Ms. Watson noted that esri.com is a website that combines landscape and zoning, while identifying critical habitat; she felt some of the PC members might want to take a look
- Summer vacation schedule:
 - 7/21 – public outreach event
 - 8/4 – meet with regional non-profit housing developer
 - 8/18 – no meeting
 - 9/4 – regular meeting

Motion to Adjourn. Made: Mr. Hess, second: Mr. Hill. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kristi Flynn, Recording Clerk