

July 10, 2014

PC Members Present: Jean Vissering (Chair), Julie Potter, Scott Hess, Rob Halpert, Jack Pauly, Norman Hill

Others Present: Kristi Flynn (Recording Secretary), Kim McKee (CVRPC)

Call to Order: 7:04pm

Public Comment: None

Additions to the Agenda: September forum; highway access

Continued Development of New Flood Hazard Regulations with River Corridor Protection

Kim McKee of CVRPC attended the meeting to review the brochure and discuss the public forum. The draft regulations will be available online 2-3 weeks ahead of the forum. The PC reviewed the brochure in detail. Following are discussion points/suggestions:

- Brochure will be mailed to all landowners in the River Corridor and Flood Hazard Areas; will be available to all townspeople online
- PC feels the brochure is a good mix of pictures, boxes and text
- Section 1:
 - Remove 'broad'; change '...has flood risks that may...'
 - Remove '...and some of its smaller tributaries...'
 - More transparency for 2nd photo
 - Change: Inundation: where water rises into low lying land along the river
 - Fluvial Erosion: explain what it is, then give an example
- Section 2:
 - Change: '...can cause both...'; 'dimension' to 'size'; inundation photo: change to one from Waterbury
 - Actions: change 'functions' to 'benefits'; re-word #1 & 2; end box before 'The Town...'
 - Separate the sentence that begins 'The SFHA...'
 - Shorten Federal Emergency Management Agency to FEMA
- Section 3:
 - Change beginning: 'Rivers naturally move within the River Corridor. The map designates the area where the river may move over time.'
 - End paragraph with #2 from the blue box
 - Add sentence regarding a 50-foot buffer
 - Change: 'Qualify "Town" For...'
 - Clarify the 12.5% vs 17.5% question; currently EM qualifies for 12.5% disaster assistance
 - Move bolded sentence to the top of the paragraph
 - Other Municipal Actions: #1 is not needed for increased assistance, all the others have gotten the town to 12.5%
- Section 4:
 - Remove 'Nationally...'; remove 'The River Corridor...'
- Section 5: no changes
- Section 6: (back page)
 - Brochure needs to specify that it was created by PC and CVRPC
 - Need a dedicated PC e-mail address – Chair will contact TA
- Front cover – PC would like a more dramatic picture on the front

Discussion regarding what needs to be done before the public forum in September

- By mid-August, brochure and letter finalized and draft regulations close to finalized
- Meet with Ms. McKee on 8/7; Ms. McKee will send a revised brochure for PC review
- Public forum on 9/18 at the fire station
 - Overview by the PC
 - Presentation by Ms. McKee and ANR
 - Q&A session
 - One-on-one sessions with individuals after the meeting
- Online brochure: Ms. McKee will revise based on comments taken at this meeting and try to send before next week's PC meeting

Next meeting with Ms. McKee will be 8/7.

Consideration of an Administrative Amendment Procedure for DRB Approvals

Tabled to the next PC meeting

Status Update on Selectboard Process for Proposed Zoning Regulations Amendments

The Chair and Ms. Potter will update the PC at the next PC meeting.

Review Minutes

June 19, 2014

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

Vote on Motion: Passed 6-0

ZA Report

1 new permit since the last meeting

DRB Report

Nothing new to report

Other Business

The Chair will draft a PC article for the SignPost for review at the next PC meeting

Next PC meeting is 7/17 at the Town Office at 7pm.

Motion to Adjourn. Made: Mr. Hess, second: Mr. Pauly. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kristi Flynn, Recording Secretary