

July 20, 2017

PC Members Present: Julie Potter (Vice Chair), Mark Lane, Norman Hill, Jack Pauly, Scott Hess, Jay Stewart

Others Present: Kristi Flynn (Recording Clerk)

Call to order: 7:04pm

Changes to Agenda – None

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:

Finance – Jay Stewart

- Mr. Stewart has updated figures through FY2016 for the section
- Page 23, 4th paragraph – update last sentence
- Page 23, 2nd column – add reference to Act 46; policy discussion in Education section
- Page 24 – delete paragraph beginning "In June of..."; for Town Expenses, refer to current Town Report; make reference to Capital Improvement Committee; 2nd column – delete paragraph beginning "Even with..."
- Page 25 – Town Revenues – delete first two paragraphs; 2nd column – remove references to farm contracts
- Page 26 – delete paragraph beginning "Residents..."
- Goals – delete #3
- Actions – delete #2, #8
- Mention in the text that farm contract action was completed; consider adding to a new Progress Since Last Town Plan section
- Mr. Stewart needs assistance with the graphs, will gather the figures needed; remove Property Tax Rates graph (page 26)

Education – Scott Hess

- Mr. Hess will review the entire section with the EMES and U-32 board representatives
- Page 48 – update figures and chart; check the Town Report
- Page 49 – show final school figures
- Page 49 – update figures
- Add paragraph on Act 46; check with Edie Miller
- Page 50 – update wording on things that are historical, like the EMES bond; 2nd column – refer to remaining balance of U-32 bond from 1998
- Goals – include Act 46
- Add adult education opportunities in the Central Vermont area

Transportation – Ray Stout

- Tabled to a future meeting

Social Services – Jack Pauly

- Mention free lunches at difference churches in Montpelier each day
- Refer to regional service organizations; look at Government section
- Include Senior Centers – Twin Valley and Montpelier
- Update home care providers – check with Town Administrator
- Meals on Wheels – does Twin Valley do this?
- Actions – delete #1, #4, #5

Fire Protection and Ambulance Service – Mark Lane

- Update figures and charts – check with EMFD (Ty Rolland/Toby Talbot)
- Add new fire truck purchase
- Check hours of operation; PC discussed whether staffing information needs to be in the Town Plan
- Water Supplies – add pond at EMES; look into ponds mentioned on Sparrow Farm Road/North Street
- Action – last item mentions Mutual Aid, there is no reference in the text; check with EMFD (Ty Rolland/Toby Talbot)
- Most actions are too generic
- Page 67 – does the map belong in this section; seems more important to show dry hydrants, fire stations and emergency shelters
- Ms. Potter will discuss a new map with the CVRPC

Police Protection and Disaster Planning – Mark Lane

- First page, 2nd paragraph – update Constable's duties
- First page, 4th paragraph – check to see if U-32 is a primary shelter; did EMES include a generator in the re-model.
- Actions - #4 – if drills occur (ask EMFD), add to text instead of an action item

Solid Waste Disposal – Jay Stewart

- History section is good as is
- Current section – re-wrote 1st paragraph, figures need updating in 2nd paragraph, delete 3rd paragraph
- Add paragraph on Act 148, the banning of organics in trash
- Page 70 – reference grant funds used to provide composters to residents at no cost

Forest Resources – Mark Lane

- Tabled to future meeting

Earth Resources – Kim Watson

- Tabled to future meeting

East Montpelier Village Master Plan: Discussion of Next Steps

The Vice Chair noted that in order to have something published in the next SignPost, the PC needs to decide on when they have the next public forum. The PC agreed to finish the draft of the Village Master Plan and host a final, informal presentation of the draft on October 5, 2017. The Chair and Vice Chair will write up something for the SignPost.

Motion: I move that the PC host an Open House on October 5 where an informal presentation on the Village Master Plan will be given. Made: Mr. Hess, second: Mr. Hill

Vote on Motion: Passed 6-0

Discussion on Possible 2018 Municipal Planning Grant Application

The MPG will focus on downtowns; the PC could target an application on town zoning needs, with a focus on supporting the village. PC is interested in applying for a municipal grant.

Participation on Rural Roads Vegetation Assessment Project Advisory Committee

EM is in the pilot program, which is an assessment of the vegetation along rural roads and the management of it. The proposed representatives from the town are Seth Gardener (SB), Jean Vissering (PC), Mark Lane (Forest Committee), Road Foreman, Jack Pauly (PC).

Update on East Montpelier Energy Committee

Mr. Hess was not at the last meeting, but it appears the committee has made a lot of progress on the Energy Plan. It is not clear when the next meeting is.

Update on East Montpelier Old LaPerle Farm Property Committee

Tabled to the next meeting

Review Minutes

July 6, 2017

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

Vote on Motion: Passed 6-0

ZA Report

One new permit

DRB Report

Nothing new to report. No meeting in August.

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

Respectfully submitted by Kristi Flynn, Recording Clerk