

August 3, 2017

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

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

Call to order: 7:01pm

Changes to Agenda – None

Public Comment – None

East Montpelier 2018 Town Plan Update: Future Land Use Map: Presentation and Discussion with Eric Vorwald, CVRPC

Presentation by Mr. Vorwald:

- This is an aspiration exercise – what could happen in the future, not what will happen
- Zoning must conform with municipal plan
 - Identifies uses
 - Dimensional standards
 - Allowable, conditional, prohibited uses
 - Distinct boundaries
 - Addresses current land uses and planning
- How far in the future – could have short-term and long-term maps
- Land use shall consist of map and statement – could set up future zoning changes
 - Aspirational
 - General use categories
 - Municipally defined categories
 - Ambiguous boundaries
 - Indication of how community may change
- Samples of different land maps:
 - Ambiguous/arbitrary boundaries – South Burlington
 - Specific sections – Bolton
 - Good example to look at – Hubbardton
- Map shouldn't have to be updated too often
- Village Master Plan is a good place to start
- Growth centers may have ambiguous boundaries
- Ms. Potter suggested more ambiguous than hard boundaries
- Ms. Vissering/Ms. Potter will work with CVRPC to have a sample map at the next meeting

East Montpelier 2018 Town Plan Update

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

Forest Resources – Mark Lane

- Page 72
 - History – remove figures
 - Current Status – need to add piece on Coburn Road; change 'well-managed' to 'actively-managed'; update figures on Current Use and land conservation; CVRPC can help with forest figures
- Page 73 – update figures and trim some language
- Whole section needs headings
- Add discussion on forest defragmentation
- Last 2 paragraphs of the section – move to the beginning and condense
- Goals – delete #2, #7, #10; include timber harvesting

Earth Resources – Kim Watson

- Tabled to the next meeting

Update on East Montpelier Old LaPerle Farm Property Committee

With a \$10,000 grant, the committee has hired an engineer to do a feasibility study and financial analysis of the property. Ms. McFadden came to the PC to talk about preserving the old house on the property. She feels it is a great historical piece of the village and feels it would be hard to replicate. The windows that were removed need to go back in and she would like to have a work party in November to secure the building until all the construction around it has been completed. The building anchors the corner and Ms. McFadden would like to see it preserved.

Update on East Montpelier Energy Committee

Mr. Hess noted that the draft Energy Plan was submitted to the State. This draft will be used as the basis for the Energy section in the Town Plan.

Review Minutes

July 20, 2017

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

Vote on Motion: Passed 7-0

ZA Report

One new permit

DRB Report

Nothing new to report. No meeting in August.

Other Business

Mr. Hill shared that he talked with an author of Abenaki Indian history, who is working on a book about heirloom seeds. He has found that there is a seed called East Montpelier Squash, so named because it was found here. It will be available commercially.

Motion to Adjourn. Made: Mr. Lane, second: Mr. Hill. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kristi Flynn, Recording Clerk