

September 7, 2017

PC Members Present: Jean Vissering (Chair), Mark Lane, Kim Watson, Scott Hess, Julie Potter, Jay Stewart

Call to Order: 7:07pm

Changes to Agenda – Update on Hazard Mitigation Plan

Public Comment - None

Update on Hazard Mitigation Plan

- No FEMA funding through the CVRPC to assist towns in updating EM Hazard Mitigation Plan
- As a result EM will try to do the updates on their own which have to be completed by March 2018
- Mr. Johnson will coordinate updates to this plan

East Montpelier 2018 Town Plan Update:

Reports on Recommended Changes to the Following Sections of the 2018 Town Plan:

- Earth Resources –
 - Add a date when the Surficial Geologic Maps were completed. Changes to goals and actions will be worked out after review of all sections. However, it was suggested that goal 1 be removed or edited for clarity.
- Wetlands, Waterways and Wildlife
 - Update 3rd paragraph under Current Status.
 - Change Chickering bog to 237 acres conserved.
 - Put rivers and streams and lakes and ponds in tables.
 - Confirm tables from hazard mitigation plan and agreement to risk tables.
 - Ms. Potter suggested that we move the discussion of the mitigation hazards to a new flood resiliency section.
 - Ms. Potter also indicated that the town should include a discussion on air pollution.
 - We agreed that we will have statements suggesting that the air is of good quality in the area. We will also add a sentence to the forest section and transportation.
 - It was suggested that under an Introduction section under natural resources we address these issues.
 - Move the paragraph on the 1986 wetlands rule to history and remove any reference to the 2011 survey performed by the town.
 - Update goals and action as in other sections.
 - Suggest a goal to apply for funding to get a grant to take an inventory in our area on habitats and what we have for natural resources so that we can guide our conservation goals.
- Scenic Resources
 - Suggest keeping the categories and types of views and scenic views. Keep it simple.
 - Make a list of specific areas and a map that goes with the list to help the user understand where these vistas are.
 - 2nd P. under Current Status, update comments on sidewalks to reflect current conditions.
 - 3rd P under Villages, remove any references to 2011 survey
- Water Supplies and Aquifers
 - Remove any reference to fire district.
 - Confirm aquifer and waters systems in table as whether they are active or inactive.
 - Remove any reference to bottled watering plant and water committee.
 - Change well protection areas and suggest removing map since it is not up to date and not being updated by the State.

Tabled until next meeting:

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| • Land Use Patterns and Zoning | Jean Vissering |
| • Villages and Growth Areas | Jean Vissering |
| • Housing | Julie Potter |
| • Agriculture | Jay Stewart |
| • Wastewater Disposal | Ray Stout & Kim Watson |

Approval of East Montpelier Village Master Plan.

Since the public meeting, changes to the plan were made only to text in Section 2.3.5 and a summary meeting report was prepared by Mr. Vorwald.

Final changes were completed and the final document is on the town website.

Motion: I move to approve the 9/7/17 draft of the EM Village Master Plan. Made: Ms. Watson, second: Mr. Hess

Vote on Motion: Passed 6-0-1 (1 abstained)

There will be public meeting on October 5, 2017 to briefly present the plan.

Approval of FY2018 Municipal Planning Grant Application

Do we want a planning grant to help look at zoning? Consensus is yes. Application and scope of work prepared by Ms. Potter and MR. Vorwald. Application questions and scope of work prepared so we can determine costs. Following up on the master plan so we have to update zoning based on these plans. Odds of getting funding is close to 50% because not many towns are applying in the region. Do we want to approve this application and submit to SB.

Motion: Approve the FY2018 MPG Application Made: Mr. Hess, second: Mr. Lane

Vote on Motion: Passed 6-0-1 (1 abstained)

Thank you Ms. Potter for the excellent Job in completing the application.

Update on East Montpelier Energy Committee

Report from Mr. Hess

Meeting – 8/31/2017, the group will be working on the energy section of the Town Plan. Chairperson Lindy Biggs stated that they will work on the energy piece of the town plan. A Draft plan has been submitted to the RPC.

Update on East Montpelier Old LaPerle Farm Property Committee:

None

Review Minutes

August 3, 2017:

Motion: I move to approve minutes as presented. Made: Ms. Potter, second: Mr. Lane

Vote on Motion: Passed 6-0

ZA / DRB Report

None

Other Business

None

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

Respectfully submitted by Kim Watson, Secretary