

November 15, 2012

PC Members Present: Rick Hopkins (Chair), Tom Pierce, Gene Troia, Jack Pauly, Scott Hess, Jean Vissering, Mark Lane, Kim Watson

Others Present: Kristi Flynn (Recording Secretary), Julie Potter

Call to Order: 7:08pm

Public Comment: None

Change to Agenda: None

Town Plan: Discussion of Public Comments on Draft Chapters

Agriculture:

- Current status – add more discussion re: organic farming & GMO/non-organic practices; mention concerns of some residents, Chair will draft language and send to Watson.
- Add herbs, flowers & berries to list of crops in town

Villages & Growth Areas:

- Changes – North Montpelier to North Montpelier Village; added grant received for sidewalks; town now has welcoming signs
- Action – North Montpelier – gateway signs and study of wastewater system
- Vissering will identify who is responsible for actions
- Delete action under East Montpelier Center – nothing specific proposed for the area
- Research Riverbend Store – open or closed?
- Need 2 maps – village designation area and villages and growth areas
- Mention Vermont Compost Company – commercial permit for Vincent Flats Road
- Good to go with changes

Forest Resources:

- Action – added “and avoiding the use of invasive species.”
- Action – include forest management plan
- Good to go with changes

Scenic Resources:

- Changes made – gravel pit changed to 6-acre swimming hole known as Coburn Pond; North Montpelier to North Montpelier Village
- Good to go with minor changes

Trails:

- Change acreage and name of Baird Town Forest
- Gully Jumpers – trails are winter-time use only
- Need updated map of trails
- Good to minor changes

Items to review at 12/6 meeting:

- Agriculture (revised)
- Energy
- Transportation
- Land Use Patterns
- Water Supplies
- Introduction – Vissering
- A Look at the Town – Pauly

Town Plan: Listing of Document Needs (Graphs / Maps)

Pauly volunteered to check with the Chamber of Commerce; Watson agreed to contact Jen Mojo; Vissering will contact Dan Currier; CVRPC might have what is needed. The PC must decide what size maps are needed and whether color or black/white should be used.

FY20214 Planning & Zoning Budget

ZA Payroll and Recording Secretary budget lines have been moved to the main town employee section of the budget and so are not included here.

Motion: I move to approve the FY2014 budget as proposed. Made: Watson, second: Lane

There was some discussion regarding increasing the Town Plan copying budget line.

Vote on Motion: Passed 8-0

Review of Minutes

November 1, 2012

Motion: I move to approve as amended. Made: Troia, second: Vissering

Vote on Motion: Passed 8-0

ZA Report

Nothing new to report.

DRB Report

No meeting since last PC meeting; next DRB meeting is 11/20.

Other Business

- Farm Contract Study Committee – one member felt railroaded about voting to recommend discontinuing the town program to the SB. The committee agreed to meet again; the four members that were absent previously agreed with the original recommendation to discontinue. There are 12 members of the town program currently; half would fall out if there was enforcement.
- The PC reviewed Renee Carpenter's comments on the Town Plan
- VLCT seminar 12/5 in Montpelier, if interested register soon

Motion to adjourn. Made by Mr. Lane; seconded by Mr. Pauly. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:20p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kristi Flynn, Recording Secretary