

December 6, 2012

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

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

Call to Order: 7:03pm

Public Comment: None

Change to Agenda: None

Town Plan: Discussion of Public Comments on Draft Chapters

Water Supplies & Aquifers:

- Still waiting for groundwater mapping information from state
- Good to go pending info from state

Land Use Patterns & Zoning:

- Need to add responsibilities for actions, mostly PC
- Change needed to Conservation Overlay paragraph; review after new maps received
- Add action re: setbacks for wetlands
- Add sentence to paragraph re: state requirements
- Added text re: unfragmented forest land, assign action to Forest Committee
- Add action to clarify Aquifer Protection Area guidelines and mapping
 - What are the quality standards, PC will examine standards and improve where applicable
- Discussion re: floodplain mapping re: fluvial erosion hazard mapping
- Good to go with changes

Transportation:

- Grant money received for building sidewalks
- Keep scheduled future projects in the Plan
- Added paragraph on newly-adopted Town Roads Policy
- Add Appendix X for updated roads map (Roads by Functional Class)
- Good to go with minor changes

Energy:

- Page 1, 2nd column – what time period?
 - Electricity consumption increasing; eliminate last sentence
- Lower-case ‘t’ in town
- Include bullets on page 2, 2nd column, 2nd paragraph
- Add paragraph re: siting of energy-producing facilities, commercial renewable resource farms
- Local food – connect to energy efficiency; re-phrase – food producers are a large user of energy
- Hess will revise

Economic Development:

- Add census data – 1st section box; add the rest in an appendix
- Vissering will revise and review public comments

Agriculture:

- Added paragraph on GE/GMO crops; no actions added concerning GMO
- Actions need responsible parties; include should or shall
- Good to go with changes

Next steps:

- Public hearing in February or March
- Makes necessary changes
- Hand off to SB
- SB accept Plan and hold public hearing
- Make changes, if necessary
- SB adopt by June

Items to review at 12/20 meeting:

- Townspeople
- Historic Resources
- Social Services
- Economic Development

- Wastewater Disposal
- A Look at the Town – Pauly

Town Government:

- The PC reviewed Renee Carpenter's comments regarding diversity in the town office and committees.
- The chapter is good to go

Discussion of PC Determinations Regarding Public Service Board Certificates of Public Good

Solar installations of a certain size (10kW or greater) fed back into the grid are sent out for comments. Comments are not required for small installations (less than 10kW). The PC talked about creating a subcommittee to look at all applications: review application, request information re: site plan and size, make site visit, send comments to PSB, if applicable. A suggestion was made to check with the new Governor's committee that reviews PSB processes. The PC also discussed rotating the review of the applications around to members of the PC.

Review of Minutes

November 15, 2012 - tabled

ZA Report

Nothing new to report.

DRB Report

- Sanfacon was granted a permit with conditions based on the fact that he is cleaning up the site. The permit has not been appealed yet. The state still considered the site a junkyard.
- Sketch plan review for a subdivision for Blackwell
- Recessed Wong hearing to 12/18

Other Business

- SignPost article – review submission by the Chair
- Dean Loren's 'news' – he said that Antonovich has sold/is selling his North Street Springs to Nestle; Paul Erlbaum would like to revise the land use regulations as soon as possible; the PC decided to determine the validity of the Loren comment.

Motion to adjourn. Made by Ms. Watson; seconded by Mr. Santor. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:55p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kristi Flynn, Recording Secretary