

# Minutes of the East Montpelier Selectboard

APPROVED 5/20/13

May 13, 2013

## Hearing on Draft Town Plan

SB Members Present: Seth Gardner (Chair), Carl Etnier, Casey Northrup, Steve Sparrow, Kim Swasey

Others Present: Bruce Johnson (Town Administrator), Kristi Flynn (Recording Secretary), Julie Potter, Jean Vissering, Jack Pauly

## Call to Order: 6:40pm

Ms. Vissering requested that the SB review all the maps to make sure they are up to date. She noted that the zoning map colors will be toned down a bit for the final draft. The SB will have final drafts of the maps before they make the final decision.

## Draft Plan Comments:

### Transportation – New Roads Policies

Mr. Etnier would like to see a mention of the town policy discouraging the takeover of new roads.

- Page 50, 2nd col, 3rd full paragraph: Add to the end of the paragraph titled Town Road Policies: "The policy now states that the town does not encourage additional town roads, with the associated cost of their maintenance."

### Review of Maps:

- After pg 9, Facilities Map – no change to North Montpelier Post Office; Crossroads Christian Church (#10) should be located on Fassett Road
- After pg 53, Functional Class and after pg 58, E-911 Sites – both maps are using an old underlay, ask Dan Currier to update using the new underlay
- After pg 87, Public & Protected Land – Benton and Soule properties are not listed in the hard copy draft plan, but are correct on the online version; make sure the correct map gets in the final draft
- After pg 101, Agricultural & Land Cover – change color of open land from blue to tan

### General Comments:

- Page 51 – 2nd col, top line: add "Center" after Plainfield Health
- Page 91 – last goal: delete "a" before car repair services, delete "store" after hardware and add "stores" after drug
- Page 102 – 1st col, last paragraph: change first sentence: "From 1987 when the sewage ordinance was adopted until the 2003 Town Plan was drafted, over 300 wastewater treatment systems were approved."
- Page 103 – 1st col, 1st full paragraph: remove hyphen from "waste-water"
- Find & replace throughout the plan: replace wastewater disposal with wastewater treatment

The Chair closed the hearing at 7:37pm.

## Special SB Meeting

SB Members Present: Seth Gardner (Chair), Carl Etnier, Casey Northrup, Steve Sparrow, Kim Swasey

Others Present: Bruce Johnson (Town Administrator), Kristi Flynn (Recording Secretary), Julie Potter, Jack Pauly

## Call to Order: 7:38pm

Additions to the Agenda: None

Public Comment: None

## Discussion of Proposed Town Plan

The SB discussed the 5/1/13 letter received from the Community Groundwater Study Group. The SB decided to make the following changes:

- Page 77 – 2nd col, 3rd paragraph: change "including" to "plus"; add quotes around withdraw and withdrawal, change "or" to "and"
- Page 78 – 2nd col, 2nd paragraph: change "withdraw permit" to "withdrawal permit"

**Motion: I move to authorize the Town Administrator to incorporate into the revisions to the Town Plan reasonable changes to the maps as described a PC member within the next 24 hours.** Made: Mr. Etnier, second: Ms. Swasey

**Vote on Motion:** Passed 5-0

The Town Administrator will make the changes to the Town Plan and Dan Currier from CVRPC will make the changes to the maps.

**Motion: I move to accept the Draft Town Plan dated 4/15/13 as amended, for the 6/3 hearing.** Made: Mr. Etnier, second: Mr. Northrup

**Vote on Motion:** Passed 5-0

**Discussion of Proposed CVRPC/CVEDC Merger**

There is a CVRPC meeting on 5/14; there will be a presentation on the merger and then questions. Ms. Swasey will attend the meeting and have a list of SB questions. Julie Potter reported that Northfield and Montpelier do not approve of the merger as presented. CVRPC will fold CVEDC into it and the bylaws will need to change; staffing needs have not been defined and cost savings have not been demonstrated. A vote by the members is not expected happen at the 5/14 meeting, but could happen in June. The SB is interested in reviewing an Agreement of Merger before a vote takes place and before the bylaws are changed.

**Discussion of Options for Town Website Development**

The town was approved for a grant but the money might not be received for a year because EM is not a priority town. Mr. Etnier volunteered to research what a town website would look like. The SB has \$1000 in the budget to create a website; web hosting is free through rbTech. The Town Administrator will ask rbTech for an estimate for creating a website.

**Motion to adjourn.** Made by Ms. Swasey; seconded by Mr. Sparrow. Passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Kristi Flynn, Recording Secretary*