

February 15, 2018

PC Members Present: Jean Vissering (Chair), Julie Potter, Jack Pauly, Jay Stewart, Norm Hill, Kim Watson
Others Present: Kristi Flynn (Recording Clerk)

Call to order: 7:04pm

Changes to Agenda – None

Public Comment – None

East Montpelier 2018 Town Plan Update: Review Excerpted Text & Maps with Changes from February 1, 2018 Forum Version, Review 2018 Town Plan Report and Discussion on Public Hearing Warning

Ms. Potter reviewed the comments from the forum:

- Report –
 - Required by state statute; it will go out to the CVRPC and surrounding towns plus the Department of Housing & Community Affairs
 - Will go out with the warning for the public hearing
 - Pg 2, 2nd paragraph, 2nd sentence – remove ‘with’ after ‘surrounded by’
 - **Motion: I move to approve using the report on the 2018 Town Plan update as amended.** Made: Ms. Potter, second by Ms. Watson
 - **Vote on Motion:** Passed 6-0
- Chapter 2, page 5 – added graph and statistics on town demographics
- Chapter 3, page 8 – simplified language regarding tax discussion, with the help of Edie Miller
- Chapter 5, page 5 – added language on school transportation; PC agreed with the language
- Chapter 6, page 2 – paved/gravel roads versus arterial/collector roads
- Chapter 6, page 5 – added new town road policy, it was tweaked to try not to discourage development; line 11 – change ‘address’ to ‘addresses’
- Chapter 6, page 18 – water supply in infrastructure; aquifers section moved to Natural Resources
- Chapter 6, page 23 – changed language discussing draft Energy Plan; this was shared with Lindy Biggs; 2 more sentences were added to the new paragraph; the Energy Plan is currently in draft mode, it needs to be enhanced to get substantial deference from the state
- Chapter 8, page 3 – added discussion on Multi-Family Housing
- Chapter 9, pages 11-13 – substantial changes were made to the Forest Integrity section; made changes to Map 11; added Forest Study Areas to Future Land Use Map, as areas to focus attention on in the future
- Chapter 9, page 19 – research farmers versus landowners who need to enroll; Ms. Potter will look into this
- Chapter 10, page 10 – add ‘that have the...’

The PC agreed to hold the public hearing at the Town Office on March 22, 2018.

2018 Municipal Planning Grant for Zoning Regulation Revisions: Update on Consultant RFQ ad Discussion on Consultant Selection Process

Ms. Potter recused herself from the discussion and left the room.

The Chair stated that four bids have been received. She suggested asking 2-3 candidates to come to the meeting on March 15 with discussion after the interviews. The PC could decide who to invite at the March 1 meeting. The PC needs to come up with a scoring system and a set of questions to ask each candidate. The PC reviewed a set of draft questions. Some additional suggestions were:

- Flexible enough to work with the PC
- Being judicious about time but be accessible
- How do they see this working?
- Looking for ways to get to the PC’s vision
- Approach to getting people involved
- Ask about specific projects they have worked on
- How many other projects are they working on now?

Send suggestions on questions to the Chair for the next meeting on 3/1. The PC will consider having interviews on March 12 or combine with the hearing on 3/22.

Update on East Montpelier Old LaPerle Farm Property Committee

No update

Review Minutes

February 1, 2018

Motion: I move to approve the minutes as amended. Made: Ms. Watson, second: Mr. Stewart

Vote on Motion: Passed 6-0

ZA Report

No update

DRB Report

Two sketch plan reviews were heard at the last meeting: Rauh and Clemons subdivisions.

Other Business

- It was noted that Dave Grundy's funeral is 10am Sunday at the Unitarian Church.
- TOE Conference – let the Zoning Administrator know if you would like to attend

Motion to Adjourn. Made: Ms. Potter, second: Mr. Hill. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:55p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kristi Flynn, Recording Clerk