

May 16, 2013

PC Members Present: Rick Hopkins (Chair), Jean Vissering, Tom Pierce, Julie Potter, Jack Pauly, Scott Hess

Others Present: Bruce Johnson (Zoning Administrator), Kristi Flynn (Recording Secretary)

Call to Order: 7:05pm

Public Comment: None

Additions to the Agenda: None

Update on Selectboard Actions on Draft Town Plan

The SB didn't suggest any major changes, just a few minor ones, such as wastewater treatment replacing wastewater disposal. There will be a final hearing on 6/3 at 6:30pm.

Discussion on Potential Merger of CVRPC & CVEDC

As reported by Julie Potter, the merger doesn't seem to be on the fast track. The Joint Committee is willing to meet with SBs if a meeting is requested. Kim Swasey attended the recent meeting and was probably the only SB member there. Ms. Potter is meeting with Sam Anderson of the CVEDC to see what they do. Ms. Potter noted that the merger might not be a bad thing, but they haven't structured it very well.

Discussion of Future 2013 PC Activities

PC reviewed the priority list created by Ms. Vissering.

High Priority/Zoning Issues:

- Conservation overlay clarification/modification
- Creating a village zone
- Groundwater issues
- Promoting compact development
- Low impact development
- Review DRB recommendations

Ongoing activities:

- Meet with DRB periodically

Issues to tackle first:

1. Deal with overlay clarification – what are we trying to do in the village?
2. Review DRB recommendations
3. Village zone – ask the state in to talk about wastewater issues on smaller lots; make sure things are possible and know what it would look like on a small lot; the PC needs to figure out ways to not create obstacles (i.e., conservation overlay)

The PC discussed creating subcommittees to deal with different subjects. PC is willing to bring in experts on certain topics. There was some discussion of form-based zoning, such as is being done in Huntington and Westford. The PC needs to see what other towns with small villages have done. The PC discussed moving Fluvial Erosion Hazard (FEH) mapping higher up on the priority list because adoption will increase the town's cost share from the state when repairing storm damages. A stream geomorphic assessment needs to be in place before the zone can be developed; the state may have some research data.

Discussion of VNRC's Resilient Communities Scorecard

The PC talked about using the document to help prioritize the topics.

Review of Minutes

May 2, 2013 – tabled to 6/20 meeting

ZA Report- four new permits since last meeting.

DRB Report - Previous meeting was 5/7; next meeting is 6/4

Other Business

Route 14 bridge is scheduled for construction in 2015; water lines were bored under the river, there are no conduits for electricity on the bridge.

Next regular PC meeting is 6/20.

Motion to Adjourn. Made: Mr. Hess, second: Mr. Pierce Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kristi Flynn, Recording Secretary