

September 5, 2013

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

Others Present: Kristi Flynn (Recording Secretary), Kim McKee

**Call to Order:** 7:00pm

**Public Comment:** None

**Additions to the Agenda:** None

**Discussion of Draft Municipal Planning Grant Application Prepared by CVRPC for the Development of Fluvial Erosion Hazard Regulations**

Kim McKee of the CVRPC drafted the Municipal Planning Grant application and reviewed it with the PC. The Fluvial Erosion Hazard bylaws would cover smaller streams that are not covered by other flood regulations. The CVRPC utilized the Town Plan and the zoning regulations. The CVRPC can host and facilitate a public forum, send out invitations and coordinate with ANR staff. It is pretty likely that the town would get the grant because fluvial erosion is becoming a top priority for the state. The town would hire a consultant to draft new regulations and possibly create a new overlay.

Comments from the PC:

Page 2 – specify river corridor, greater precision

Page 3 – 5) position town for greater financial assistance for future flood events

Page 5 – c) VCD renewal planned for 2014, clarify Kingsbury Branch, will enable town to receive higher compensation under ERAF

Page 4 – refreshments at public forums, add a reference to Front Porch Forum

Page 10 – fix auto calculation; review other places, as well

Bruce Johnson can submit the application online. The deadline is 9/30 and Kim McKee will try to get the application to Bruce before 9/23.

**Motion: I move to authorize the Chair to review the draft MPG application changes, sign the revised draft and pass along to the SB.** Made: Mr. Troia, second: Mr. Pierce

**Vote on Motion:** Passed 9-0

**Discussion of Timetable for Review of Potential Revisions to Zoning Regulations**

The PC agreed the enforcement for the Judicial Bureau might be more complicated so they moved it to the Moderate Difficulty items. The PC decided to start at the top of the Easy items and work down the list. Everyone will look at the first five items and be ready to discuss them at the 9/19 meeting.

**Discussion of CVRPC Kick-Off Meeting for the 2016 Central Vermont Regional Plan**

The meeting will take place on 9/24; Julie Potter will attend and has volunteered to be on a committee.

**Discussion of the Renewal Application for East Montpelier Village's "Village Center" Designation**

At the first official meeting of the Village Committee {Michelle McFadden (Chair), Jean Vissering (Vice Chair), Bob Morey, Alice Smith (Secretary) and Frank Pratt}, they discussed the renewal process for the village center designation. It is a fairly simple process:

- Cover page
- Confirmed planning process
- SB resolution
- Updated boundary map
- Zoning district map

Bruce Johnson is the contact person and the renewal application is due 10/7. It was decided not to include the EMSLI property because it does not include any historic structures and it would make the renewal process more involved. The PC does not need to do anything at this point.

**Review of Minutes**

June 20, 2013

**Motion: I move to approve the minutes as amended.** Made: Mr. Troia, second: Ms. Potter

**Vote on Motion:** Passed 9-0

July 18, 2013

**Motion: I move to approve the minutes as amended.** Made: Mr. Hess, second: Mr. Lane

**Vote on Motion:** Passed 9-0

**ZA Report**

There was a discussion about an Environmental Court case regarding residential home care. This topic should be added to the discussion of zoning regulation changes to make sure the town complies. It might be as simple as adding a definition and making sure it is a permitted use in every zone. The PC has asked the ZA to review the regulations.

**DRB Report**

9/3 meeting – Casella requested an amendment to their permit from 300 tons to 650 tons. They don't anticipate an increase in truck traffic; there are approximately 50 trucks per day currently. The meeting included the regular review.

Next meeting on 9/17 –

- Fontaine – request for new building for the sawmill
- Cote – 2-lot subdivision sketch plan on Sanders Circle
- Rice – request for waiver for addition to existing non-conforming barn
- SB – site visit to Mike Liff's property regarding a salvage yard on East Hill Road

**Other Business**

- CVRPC's Town Plan Review Committee met on 9/5 to review East Montpelier's Town Plan. The committee recommended approval and the CVRPC will next meet on 9/10.
- Update on Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) – added Dave Burley to Don Welch, Gene Troia, Julie Potter and Casey Northrup. The committee has met 2 times and discussed what forms to use and how to categorize the capital assets. The plan is to have something ready for Town Meeting 2015.
- Resilient Community Scorecard – reminder to fill out before the 10/3 meeting, tackle a topic at a time
- Fairmont Farms CPG Application – Ms. Vissering volunteered to review the application for a solar installation; comments are due by the end of September.

Next meeting is 9/19 at 7pm.

**Motion to Adjourn.** Made: Mr. Hess, second: Mr. Lane. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Kristi Flynn, Recording Secretary*