

December 19, 2013

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

Others Present: Kristi Flynn (Recording Secretary)

Call to Order: 7:02pm

Public Comment: PC discussed the need to fill Mr. Pierce's seat for 2 years; his last meeting will be the third Thursday in February (2/20/14).

Additions to the Agenda: Charter hearing update

Continuation of Discussion of Items for Revision to Zoning Regulations

Section 4.6.2 – Withdrawal of Groundwater Resources

Discussion:

- Reviewed list of EPA business water uses; reporting requirement is 20,000 gal/day; what uses fall under this requirement
 - PC would like more facts re: bottling plants and breweries; Chair will contact the state re: the 20,000 gal requirement
- Chair reviewed comments from Scott Stewart in the state's groundwater division. No action was taken at the time on any of Scott's suggestions/comments.
- Table 2.6 – aquifer protection area is now referred to as the source water protection area (i.e., Berlin Pond, EMES's well)
 - Conservation overlay – replace green aquifer areas with the blue wellhead protection areas
 - Concern would be source protection, water quality of the rivers/stream/ponds, critical habitats
 - Septic systems are allowed in wellhead areas with state oversight
 - Combine groundwater favorability area, wellhead protection areas, water, wetlands, wildlife habitats, natural resources on the same map
 - Revise Table 2.6 (pg 15) and Conservation Overlay
 - Consider creating a conservation district
 - Table 1.1 – Wastewater – add water systems, public or potable, on-site water source
 - Section 4.6.1(A)(B) – on-site/off-site, size of project, extent of impact
 - Section 4.6.2 – strike “including spring water”, strike “subject to state's public trust provision”
 - (B) – how far does DRB look off-site?
 - (D) – strike “individual or domestic”, change to “drinking”; PC decides to leave the language as is
 - Section 5.2(A)(4C) – water source overlaps parcels – should be addressed
 - Section 5.4(E)(6) – strike “municipal”
 - Section 6.9(C)(1) – include public or potable water systems, change “well head” to “well shield”; include well shield in parentheses or add to definitions
 - (C)(2) – designate “water supply protection areas”, strike everything after “plat”
 - (C)(3) – change “existing well shield distances”
 - Be consistent throughout – well shield, well head protection, isolation distance, source water (SPA), aquifer protection areas; check with state for official definitions

Review and Finalize Letter to Selectboard Regarding Draft Charter

The PC would like to see the ZA's term stay at three years

Motion: I move to forward the letter as written with the addition of a signature line to the SB . Made: Mr. Hess, second: Mr. Troia

Vote on motion: Passed 5-1-3

Review of Minutes

December 5, 2013

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

Vote on Motion: Passed 9-0

ZA Report

One new permit – Twin Valley Senior Center wishes to convert the church space at Blueberry Hill

DRB Report

Next meeting is 1/7/14 on the Twin Valley conditional use

Other Business

- Contract for services – town received MPG funds (\$4,000) for the fluvial erosion regulations; the contract is between the town and the CVRPC. The PC's role is to ensure milestones are met and monitor progress; there is some concern with the CVRPC's staffing issues.
- ANR and CVRPC will be at the PC's 2/6/14 meeting
- Barre Town Plan – Ms. Watson agreed to review the proposed draft
- Summit on VT Working Landscape – Mr. Hopkins and Ms. Potter attended 4 workshops; VT is at the forefront of the movement on sustainability, food hubs and farm-to-plate

Motion to Adjourn. Made: Mr. Pauly, second: Mr. Lane. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kristi Flynn, Recording Secretary