

November 9, 2017

PC Members Present: Jean Vissering (Chair), Mark Lane, Norman Hill, Jack Pauly, Kim Watson, Ray Stout

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

Call to order: 7:05pm

Changes to Agenda – Hazard Mitigation Plan update from ZA

Public Comment – None

Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

The ZA reported that Stephanie Smith from VEMA gave a presentation to the SB regarding the town's Hazard Mitigation Plan. She had some recommended suggestions for the plan. Going forward, the SB will have this on each agenda. Ms. Smith from the VEMA is willing to review the language as the SB makes changes. The public engagement will be through the SB meetings. An East Montpelier Emergency Management Committee was formed by the SB with the following members: entire SB, Fire Chief, the Emergency Coordinator, two members of the PC, Town Administrator and Road Foreman. This committee will meet at least two times a year and review the Hazard Mitigation Plan annually. The PC mentioned including wind damage in the update of the plan.

East Montpelier 2018 Town Plan Update: Review of Draft 2018 Town Plan Sections: Historic Resources, Social Services, Solid Waste Disposal, Forest Resources and Integrity, Earth resources, Wetlands, Waterways and Wildlife, Scenic Resources

Historic Resources

- Remove 'or by accident' from paragraph 2
- 5th paragraph – errors sentence may be eliminated
- Last paragraph – remove 'of'

Social Services

- Consider adding mention of child and elder services
- Remove Lighthouse Church from text and map
- Mention free/reduced lunches and free lunches in the summer for kids – Family Center of Washington County
- Confirm number of registered/licensed daycares
- Remove last two Actions
- Mention the lack of childcare options in East Montpelier and Central Vermont

Solid Waste Disposal

- Confirm the number of garbage collected on Green Up Day; verify the number of tires collected figure

Forest Resources

- Move History title to the top of the section
- Highlighted acreage figures are waiting to be confirmed
- See new Forest Integrity map; green areas are the most relevant
- Discussion regarding rare, threatened, endangered species; this was from the old Significant Habitats map
- Re-word the sentence in the 2nd paragraph regarding specific guidance

Earth Resources

- Figure of 4,000 was verified; the Chair will revise the figure in the text
- Add History and Current Status titles

Wetland, Waterways and Wildlife

- All Hazard Mitigation Plan and flood references have been moved to a new section
- Ask Rick Hopkins to review the section

Scenic Resources

- Biggest change is the addition of a chart of Significant Views
- The Chair will add the criteria used: nothing in the foreground, distant views, many identified previously
- Consider Fitch and Codling Roads

Update on East Montpelier Old LaPerle Farm Property Committee

No update, no meeting recently. Mr. Stout reported that they are waiting on communication on the next steps. There has been a discussion on exchanging land to get needed septic capacity. The committee also needs money for testing. The development plan as configured is currently not fiscally viable.

Review Minutes

October 19, 2017

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

Vote on Motion: Passed 6-0

Town Plan Schedule

The PC talked about having all sections of the plan reviewed by January 4, 2018. The Chair noted that the maps need to be completed and/or updated.

ZA Report

Two new permits since last meeting

DRB Report

The DRB approved an 8-foot side setback waiver for a new garage for William and Tammy Atkins on Quaker Road. There may be a December meeting, but there is nothing definite yet.

Motion to Adjourn. Made: Mr. Hill, second: Mr. Lane. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kristi Flynn, Recording Clerk