

June 4, 2020

PC Members Present: Julie Potter (Chair), Siu Tip Lam, Scott Hess, Zach Sullivan, Kim Watson, Clarice Cutler, Jack Pauly, Paul Eley

Others Present: Kristi Flynn (Recording Secretary)

Call to Order: 7:04pm

Roll Call Attendance

The Chair took roll call attendance; the PC members noted above were present.

Statement Regarding Remote Public Meeting

The Chair noted that as a public body, the PC must still follow open meeting laws. Vermont is allowing remote meeting. The Chair read the recommended statement from VLCT regarding meeting remotely.

Changes to Agenda: None

Public Comment: None

Village Zoning Discussion

The PC agreed at the last meeting to start looking at village zoning. They reviewed the goals in the Town Plan, as well as the goals starting on page 26 in the Village Master Plan. Mr. Hess mentioned linking to the new Montpelier bike path in order to bring more people to the village. It was noted that Cross VT Trails is already working on it and the PC should support their efforts.

The PC decided that goals 1-6 and 8 are the ones that the PC will focus on because they can be tackled by the use of zoning; the other goals cannot. Parts of goal 8 should be encouraged, as zoning cannot help.

Section 5.4 in Village Master Plan – Village Planning Areas

The PC reviewed the four distinct areas; Village Residential is 1-acre minimum, the other three have a ½-acre minimum. The PC began the discussion by trying to decide how many districts are wanted in the village. There was some discussion on the differences in character and uses between the upper and lower village areas and whether they should be combined into one district. There are many similar uses, except that light industrial is included in the upper village. It was suggested that light industrial uses could be conditional uses so that any uses in the lower village would be reviewed by the DRB. It would be important to have clear criteria for the DRB review. The Chair will draft a section combining these two areas into one district for review at the next meeting.

Updates

- Capital Improvement Committee – the updated Capital Improvement Plan document is available on the town's website; letters to the committees have gone out and the deadline for requests is 7/18/20
- Energy Committee – no update
- Resilient Roads Committee – the committee is requesting \$20,000 per year from the CIC for tree maintenance
- Old LaPerle Farm Property Committee – No update

ZA Report

- 3 permits since last meeting

DRB Report

- Approve boundary adjustment for Northrup
- Reviewed two subdivision sketch plans for Fitch on Fitch Road and Rogers on Route 214

Review Minutes

May 21, 2020

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

Vote on Motion: Passed 8-0

Other Business

- SignPost article – Edie Miller requested more information on the article, so the Chair and Vice Chair edited the article and submitted it
- Middlesex Energy Plan draft – the Chair noted that it seems to be boilerplate; the PC can comment on it if they want to; the draft could be useful as a possible model for an EM Energy Plan
- Wrightsville Reservoir – the federal permit renewal application is drafted and out for comment

Motion to Adjourn. Made: Mr. Hess, second: Ms. Watson. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:15p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kristi Flynn, Recording Secretary