

January 20, 2022

PC Members Present: Zach Sullivan (Chair), Julie Potter, Richard Hall, Scott Hess, Clarice Cutler, Mark Lane, Spencer Hardy, Gianna Petito, Kim Watson

Others Present: Kristi Flynn (Recording Secretary), Cort Richardson

Call to Order: 7:02pm

Statement regarding remote meetings

Changes to Agenda: None

Public Comment: None

Discuss Work Plan for Energy Plan

The PC needs to review the report and the mapping done by CVRPC and do an inventory. The plan is to integrate the Energy Plan into the Town Plan; consider a grid at the back that refers of the Town Plan regarding energy. The Chair shared the draft of a grid of requirements and assignments. The following suggestions/comments were made:

- Make sure the plan is realistic
- Other plans might address some of our issues; RPC can recommend some plans to look at
- The plan written in 2017 was focused on renewable energy projects; the committee didn't look at a lot of other plans
- Important to look at plans outside of Central Vermont
- Take the time to look at our own plan to see what we are already doing
- The CVRPC doesn't care if the plan is free-standing or integrated in the Town Plan
- The PC should consider conducting an inventory of the current energy plan
- Members of the original Energy Committee are happy to assist on energy sections
- The following people volunteered for Town Plan sections:
 - Cort Richardson – Conservation
 - Kim Watson – Transportation
 - Clarice Cutler – Land Use Policies
 - Julie Potter – Section 9
 - Chair – check with Bonnie at CVRPC for suggestions on what the PC should look at for this update

Discuss Work Plan for Large Parcels/Ag/Forest Integrity

Ms. Petito reviewed the draft of a work plan for the PC looking at combining some goals and actions that seem to be connected regarding large parcels and agriculture/forest integrity. The PC reviewed the What, Where and How, as well as resources and training. Ms. Watson is willing to help create maps to help understanding of the issues. The PC may need some authorization from the SB to spend money on mapping. The PC discussed the definition of affordable housing versus housing affordability, which is a topic that needs public engagement. Ms. Petito is looking for general consensus of what is not working. Ms. Watson noted that much of the land in town is conserved and she would like to discuss planning for development and growth. Mr. Hardy wondered whether the PC is trying to solve or prevent a problem. Mr. Hall has conserved land in town with lots of thought and doesn't believe there is a conflict between conservation and development. Any comments or suggestions on the draft work plan should be sent to Ms. Petito.

Discuss Zoning Hearing Presentation

Ms. Potter has some revisions to make for the presentation. The public hearing is scheduled for February 17, 2022. The Chair will make sure that the ZA has all the materials necessary to warn the hearing. Ms. Watson volunteered to be at the Town Office.

Updates

- Capital Improvement Committee –no update
- Energy Committee – no update
- Resilient Roads Committee – meeting yesterday, working with state regarding shade and ornamental trees
- Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission – no update, volunteer for this representative encouraged
- Town Plan Amendments – no update

ZA Report

- One new permit

DRB Report

- No update; no meeting in February

Review Minutes

January 6, 2022

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

Vote on Motion: Passed 8-0-1 (Potter abstained)

Other Business

The election consent forms are due to the Town Clerk on Monday. Signatures are not needed this year, per the Governor.

Motion to Adjourn. Made: Mr. Hess, second: Mr. Lane. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:42p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kristi Flynn, Recording Secretary