

Minutes of the East Montpelier Planning Commission

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September 1, 2022

PC Members Present: Zach Sullivan (Chair), Clarice Cutler (via zoom), Gianna Petito (via zoom), Kim Watson, Mark Lane, Spencer Hardy

Others Present: Deirdre Connelly

Call to Order: 7:06 pm

Changes to Agenda: None.

Public Comment: None.

Energy Plan Work Plan

The group discussed how to approach forming an energy committee. Mr. Sullivan spoke with Lindy Biggs about the history of the energy committee and her suggestion was to have the Selectboard disband the existing committee so the Planning Commission could begin recruiting members for a newly formed group. Ms. Biggs expressed an interest in continuing to be involved with the energy committee but is not interested in leading it.

The group discussed the idea of a public meeting or event to recruit members for the energy committee. Ms. Watson noted that it might make sense to get a draft of Chapter six ready before trying to recruit people for a new energy committee. Ms. Petito pointed out that there is a bit of a chicken and egg problem in deciding whether to start forming the committee first or to complete the draft of Chapter six first; on the one hand it would be great to have a draft of Chapter six ready for the committee to start acting on, on the other hand it might be helpful to get input on Chapter six from the energy committee members before it's finalized. Ms. Cutler suggested reaching out for some guidance on how to present the energy plan and gather ideas at a public meeting, perhaps from CVRPC or another nearby town. Mr. Sullivan noted that Middlesex recently put an energy plan into action and might be a good town to reach out to.

Ms. Watson suggested drafting a mission statement for the energy committee and planning to open a PC meeting to the public to ask for input and ideas on the draft of Chapter six as a way to recruit members for the energy committee. Ms. Petito liked that idea and suggested the group spend some time planning the public meeting at the next PC meeting.

Action Items:

- Ms. Watson will look through the old documents from the energy committee and draft a mission statement
- Ms. Petito will prepare some slides to introduce energy planning and the goals of the energy committee
- Mr. Sullivan will get materials from the existing energy committee from Ms. Biggs and will talk with her about the process for disbanding the existing committee

Motion: To authorize Mr. Sullivan to work with the Selectboard to disband the existing energy committee. Made by Ms. Watson, second by Mr. Lane. Passed unanimously.

Updates

- **Capital Improvement Committee-** no update, a meeting is scheduled for September 20, 2022 to talk about needs for 2023
- **Energy Committee-** no update
- **Resilient Roads Committee-** no update
- **Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission-** no update

ZA Report

The PC reviewed the ZA report, there was no discussion.

DRB Report

At the last DRB meeting the Kitchen Sync subdivision was approved. The final plan for a subdivision on Quaker Hill Road will be reviewed at the upcoming meeting, as well as a Conceptual Conditional Use Review.

Review Minutes

The group reviewed the June 2, 2022 minutes and recommended some edits for clarity.

Motion: To approve the June 2, 2022 minutes with tonight's amendments. Made by Ms. Watson, second by Ms. Petito. Passed unanimously. Ms. Cutler abstained from the vote.

The group reviewed the June 16, 2022 minutes and recommended some edits for clarity.

Motion: To approve the June 16, 2022 minutes with tonight's amendments. Made by Ms. Cutler, second by Mr. Lane. Passed unanimously.

The group reviewed the July 7, 2022 minutes.

Motion: To approve the July 7, 2022 minutes as presented. Made by Ms. Cutler, second by Ms. Watson. Passed unanimously.

Other Business

None.

Motion: To adjourn. Made by Mr. Lane, second by Ms. Watson. Passed unanimously.

Meeting closed at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Deirdre Connelly.