

June 16, 2022

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

Others Present: Kristi Flynn (Recording Secretary), Gina Jenkins

**Call to Order:** 7:02pm

**Changes to Agenda:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Meet with Town Administrator Gina Jenkins**

Ms. Jenkins is a new resident of East Montpelier and looking forward to helping the town through some transitional times. The PC members introduced themselves. Ms. Jenkins reported that an offer has been made to Tyson Brown for the Zoning Administrator and they have a verbal commitment. The SB is holding public hearings for the Town Plan amendments next Monday. There is a person, Deirdre, who will be taking minutes for the Planning Commission and Development Review Board. She should be attending the first meeting in July. Ms. Jenkins' hours are generally 9am-5pm and at least through noon on Fridays.

**Discuss Energy Plan Work Plan**

The PC reviewed the Energy section in the Town Plan.

- History - might want to add parts about electricity but doesn't need a lot of updating
- Current Status – mostly a data section; numbers will need to be updated
  - Goals – should the goals be their own section or remain in the Current Status section?
    - These are goals and targets that the state mandates for towns, locally and regionally
    - The electric vehicle targets include town vehicles as well as residential vehicles
      - Most data can be received from the CVRPC
    - The goals in the plan are not specific enough to be approved
- The PC discussed ways to move forward
  - Ms. Petito suggested re-looking at the spreadsheet and decide what needs to be talked about more in the plan and assign to PC members
  - It would be helpful to have some outside experts to assist
    - Ms. Watson feels we should stick to what is written in the state statutes
  - Ms. Oates is in favor of having the pathways standards and goals addressed in the energy section so it is easier for a lay person to understand
  - The PC agreed that they are at the point where they need some draft language to review
    - Possibly utilize a spreadsheet as an appendix that will cover what isn't covered in the text
    - It will be difficult to know what every resident is using in town, such as heating fuel, unless someone goes door-to-door
  - The data that will be provided by the CVRPC re not available yet; is the PC comfortable with looking at numbers that will be updated later?
    - Section 9 is the section with most of the data
    - The PC can start looking at sections 6, 7 and 8 while waiting for numbers to be updated
- Conservation and Efficiency, Transportation and Land Use – sections 6-8
  - Renewable Siting is section 9
  - There are areas of these sections that can point to other part of the Town Plan
- Ms. Watson will work on Transportation; Ms. Cutler will work on the Conservation and Efficiency section; Mr. Lane will work on Land Use
  - The Chair will send out the most recent version of the spreadsheet and Word version of Chapter 6 to the PC

**Updates**

- Capital Improvement Committee – no update
- Energy Committee – no update
- Resilient Roads Committee – North Street and Sparrow Farm Road ash trees have been cut down; the wood was left on homeowners' land; once the tree is dead, the ash borers no longer stay on the tree

- CRPC Update – Woodbury town Plan passed; presentation on cannabis; EM has not had a vote on retail cannabis; there is some grant money for energy efficient municipal buildings

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#### **ZA Report**

- 4 new permits

#### **DRB Report**

- Last meeting was continued to 6/21/22 because of website issues.

#### **Review Minutes**

June 2, 2022 – tabled to the next meeting

#### **Other Business**

- The PC agreed to not meet in the month of August

**Motion to Adjourn.** Made: Mr. Hess, second: Mr. Lane. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:25p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Kristi Flynn, Recording Secretary*