

Minutes of the East Montpelier Planning Commission- Final

October 19, 2023

PC Members Present: Zach Sullivan (Chair), Erica Zimmerman, Kim Watson, Gianna Petito (zoom), Clarice Cutler, Mark Lane, Richard Hall, Nic Khosla (zoom)

Call to Order: 7:06 pm

Changes to Agenda: None

Public Comment: None.

Review Minutes

The group reviewed the October 05th minutes.

Motion: To approve the October 5, 2023 minutes as amended. Made by Clarice Cutler, second by Richard Hall. Passed unanimously.

Continued Review of Town Plan Chapter 9 Natural and Scenic Resources Sections E, F and G (Forest Resources and Integrity, Agriculture and Scenic Resources), and Discuss Work Plan for Town Plan Updates.

Mr. Sullivan asked the group to begin reviewing the Town Plan to identify areas that need revisions and updates.

Chapter 9: Natural and Scenic Resources A-G, (Forest Resources and Integrity, Agriculture and Scenic Resources)

Clarice Cutler continued to identify pages and tables that will need revisions and updates in this Chapter. Other PC members also gave their suggested revisions and updates.

Clarice Cutler went through the updates with the commission and Zach Sullivan took notes regarding the prospective edits and potential updates which will be kept by Zach Sullivan. Based on the timing these notes will be compiled by Zach Sullivan during the complete work up of the Town Plan. These notes will supplement the minutes to show the areas the PC discussed and will be available on request.

We reviewed the changes and updates for Sections E and F. Forest Resources and Integrity and Agriculture. Mark Lane reported that the Resilient Roads committee has done a lot of work on the trees along roads in EM and will have recommendations for landowners for future forest care. The commission firmly agreed that the paragraph on “Agricultural Impacts on the Community” be updated to be both positive and negative impacts rather than only focusing on the negative impacts in the paragraph. The work plan strategy on the Town Plan is still in the development stage and will be discussed in the upcoming meetings.

Updates

- **Capital Improvement Committee-** Kim Watson reported that there is a meeting on October 24 to finalize the CIC budget for FY 24-25.
- **Energy Committee-** Zach Sullivan reported no updates
- **Resilient Roads Committee-** Mark Lane reported no updates.
- **Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission-** Clarice Cutler reported no new updates

DRB Report

The DRB has no November hearing schedules. The PC reviewed the permits report. Only 2.

Other Business

Zach Sullivan reported that Zoning Administrator candidate accepted the ZA position and will be starting next week.

Motion: To adjourn. Made by Mark Lane, second by Gianna Petito. Passed unanimously.

Meeting closed at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Watson, Zach Sullivan

Approved on: November 2, 2023