

## *Minutes of the East Montpelier Planning Commission – Draft*

June 20, 2024

PC Members Present: Zach Sullivan (Chair), Glenn Weyant, Kim Watson, Clarice Cutler (zoom), Erica Zimmerman (zoom), Ben McCall (zoom), Zoe Christiansen (zoom)

Other Attendees: Kevin Thompson

**Call to Order:** 7:03 PM

**Changes to Agenda:** None

**Public Comment:** None

### **Interview candidate(s) for Zoning Administrator**

**Motion: To go into Executive Session under 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(3) – the appointment or employment or evaluation of a public officer or employee, provided that the public body shall make a final decision to hire or appoint a public officer or employee in an open meeting and shall explain the reasons for its final decision during the open meeting.** Made by Erica Zimmerman, second by Ben McCall. Passed unanimously.

The Planning Commission entered Executive Session at 7:05PM and exited at 8:04PM.

**Motion: To nominate to the SB for hiring Kevin Thompson for the EM ZA position.** Made by Kim Watson, second by Glenn Weyant. Chair Sullivan will let the Town Administrator and the SB know of the nomination.

### **Review Minutes from June 6**

The group will review the June 6, 2024, minutes and send changes to Kim to be approved at the PC meeting on July 18, 2024.

### **Updates**

- **Capital Improvement Committee** – none
- **Energy Committee (EC)** – no new updates.
- **Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission** – Annual meeting next Tuesday, June 18, 2024. Amendment to the discussion of May 16, 2024 Minutes previously submitted:
  - **Funding for 3-acre stormwater permit design**-There is design funding for 3-acre stormwater sites through DEC. EM 3-acre sites include the landfill, Huntington Homes, and U32 (U32 would get funding through the Green Schools Initiative instead). VTDEC is seeking help getting the word out about this available funding. **FEMA flood insurance rate map updates**--We will likely need to make small updates to the town plan, hazard mitigation plan, and then zoning. There will be model bylaws available. Map updates will come out sometime this summer, but we don't need to wait for the FEMA map updates to occur before starting the needed town doc changes. New maps will go into effect two years later after release, our updates will be due by then. CVRPC is working hard on outreach and technical support. So far the most common issue is that towns are missing a few technical definitions in the regs. **Tree planting grant**-There's a tree

planting grant available for projects that provide food, mitigate stormwater, support climate change resilience etc. No match required. CVRPC may do a bulk application if enough towns are interested. I imagine that resilient roads knows about this already.

- A meeting was held on June 11, 2024 at which they discussed the Barre City Infill Study and the Flood Recovery Update and Funding Programs. Clarice Cutler noted that there is currently \$90,000,000 in FEMA funding available. The application deadline for these funds is August 20, 2024 and they are encouraging towns to apply. Contact Keith at CVRPC if you're interested.
- Ben McCall noted that he listened in on CVRPC's Fundamentals of Land Use Planning Training that was held on June 13<sup>th</sup> and he will pass on the recording link for everyone's viewing pleasure by email.

**ZA/DRB Report** – Continued Public Hearing for Application #24-012, ATN. Modification to Subdivision/PRD & Change of Use 170 Cherry Tree Hill Road on June 25, 2024. Chair Kappel is working on the permit to get the language in the permit correct and will share the draft with the DRB prior to the meeting and motion.

We do not have a ZA report, however, Ben McCall (Acting ZA) noted that he received about 6 requests for one of the following: permits, a boundary adjustment and a subdivision.

**Other Business** –

Nik Khosla is resigning from his position on the PC. The commission will be doing outreach to add an additional member. He will be missed, and we thanked him for his service.

There will be no PC meeting on the first Thursday of July, July 4<sup>th</sup> due to the holiday. Also, a reminder to the Commission that there will be no meetings in August.

**Motion: To adjourn.** Made by Clarice Cutler, second by Kim Watson. Passed unanimously.

The meeting closed at 8:22PM

*Respectfully submitted by Kim Watson*

*Approved on:*