

Draft

December 7, 2017

Planning Commission Meeting

Minute Taker - Amy McCormick

Attendance - Norman Cota, Dennis Casey, Daniel Nugent, Jeff Keeney, Kelly Norris, Daniel Harris - Guest - Chris Reardon

Meeting called to order - 7:00pm

Adjustment to Agenda - Emergency Management Discussion

Chris Reardon stated he read a report that our Emergency Management Plan wasn't very adequate and stated he had background knowledge in school shootings, bomb threats, target hazards (etc...) - and was offering to help in the planning stages. He has attended a 2 week seminar - Enosburg Maryland - several times - learning how to do forms/reports for FEMA. Would like to offer his expertise. Not sure how many of our first responders are certified to help in these situations, but would like to help.

Jeff stated he and Denny have been working on a Hazardous Mitigation Plan with Regional Planning and Emergency Management Coordinator (Charlene Phelps). FEMA states it is mandatory - the process involved is getting it adopted by the Select board first, then approved by FEMA - that could take up to a year. Once adopted - priority is given for financial aspects.

Discussion on the generator located at the school - not sure how much power the generator has to make the school functional during a power outage. Charlene Phelps applied for a grant years ago for the generator to be used in Disaster situations. Has not been used or turned on in years.

Motion to approve Energy Workshop minutes 10/5/17 - 1st Jeff Keeney, 2nd - Daniel Nugent - Abstain - Kelly Norris

Approved Energy Workshop meeting October 5, 2017

Motion to approve November 16, 2017 minutes - 1st Norman Cota, 2nd Jeff Keeney

Abstain - Kelly Norris, Daniel Harris

Approved November 16, 2017 minutes

Jeff - New updated Town Plan - minus the Energy Plan - Robert told me that at their Conservation Meeting - no changes needed to be done. Eric Hanson - groundwater mapping has been done on the southern part of Starksboro. A piece in Hinesburg has been done. We have to petition the USGS ( happens in September) if we want to have it on the map. This is not deep groundwater mapping, only surface water flow - like test pits. Not sure how this would benefit us.

Dan H. - Does this have anything to do with the soil map?

Jeff - not necessarily - the soil maps play into it because of the permeability of the soil. Its part of the equation but does not necessarily tell us where the good soils are located, more for hazardous waste.

Dan H - Is there anyway to go to the next one - the well one?

Jeff - They could plug in the different wells - figure out the elevation depth of the well - then make a contour of where that water is.

Dan H - Would that go under Ground Water Resources?

Denny - Ground Water Resources - pg 35

Dan H - Is this an accurate number - 350 drilled wells in Starksboro since 1966 - seems like it should be higher.

Norm - stated some of the older homes probably were re-drilled - so they are not in addition to this number but already included.

Dan H - Wonder if we should update this - the number of drilled wells in town. Seems like 350 is pretty low. Assuming this year is used because its when they first started to drill instead of a dug well.

Kelly - It's probably when well drilling was first required by the state.

Jeff - if this was updated in 2011 - it should be pretty easy to find out how many since then.

Norm - can go by zoning permits

Denny - this was Brandi's section to do -she should be doing it.

Jeff - question is - did she do it.

Norm - probably hasn't been more than 30 new house since then. Around 900 parcels in Starksboro.

Jeff - counting trailers?

Norm - yes. Trailer parks has shared wells.

Dan H - Ground water pg 34 states there has been approximately 350 drilled wells since 2011 - same figure used for 1966

Jeff - Good job for Norm to figure out.

Norm -We can check with the NEMRC program to see how many drilled wells are in Starksboro.

Kelly - At least half of the wells drilled in the last 10yrs are for old house not just new house. Seems like you may need to go off from Well Drillers records.

Jeff - stated they are required to register but they are all over the state not just here. Not sure how they index them - by town or not. Can find it, but not sure if i can sort it by town.

Denny - Do you think Regional planning would have anything?

Norm/Jeff - Dont think so

Jeff - the well drillers are required to register and do a log - send a tag in. They do keep track of them on the website. Not sure if you call, if you could find someone to help you.

Dan H - Is there a gps coordinate for the drilled well that they submit in?

Kelly - stated the well drillers are the ones to submit those coordinates in

Jeff - stated the gps coordinates on the website are off - mine is listed at least a mile away. Not accurate.

Norm - what else do we have to go thru - the natural resources?

Jeff - couldn't find the taps listed in here.

Dan H - Found it in pg 34 - working land

Jeff - taps is way out of date, 85,000 - closer to 300,000.

Dan N - thought it said it was closer to 300,00

Norm - stated that land that is enrolled in current use is 16,000ac - that was back in 2010. I would have to look on our current use report to see if that is accurate.

Jeff - besides the energy section this is almost wrapped up.

Norm - do we need to go through and update the figures or is this already done?

Denny - you mean population?

Norm - yes

Denny - I assumed Brandi was going to do this - that section was hers to complete. We can check them.

Dan H - History of the plan only goes up to 2003.

Jeff - maybe that should be our homework and everyone should read it to make sure its correct.

Denny - stated we should date these -it would be easier to see the changes. Should label it December 1?

Jeff - will date it for December 7- then we can keep track of the changes.

Dan H - Can we get Brandi's changes? Have her show us what she changed or eliminated.

Jeff - didn't she do that one in the previous ones - this is the 2nd one done.

Dan H - I have not seen any changes that she has made

Denny - I emailed the latest draft to you - about a month old.

Jeff - if we just go through it then we can wrap it up - the energy piece is the last one to do - Brandi was suppose to be working on

Denny - stated Brandi did work on this piece. Cited info from current one with updated info that the other draft we are looking at doesn't have. Are we looking at the right one.

Jeff - no graphs or maps in this draft we are looking at.

Dan H - what date is on the draft that we are looking at?

Denny - August 16 is the date on mine - was sent to me a couple weeks ago.

Kelly - ours say July 20.- why she wouldn't use the updated one of August 16 - why wouldn't it say revised on it.

Denny - Brandi wants to set up a meeting to meet about town plan and the updates that are being done - this email was dated 11/21/17 along with the August 16 draft.

After much discussion - it was determined 2 different drafts were used with updates. Thus not being able to confirm what was corrected, completed or eliminated. Stopped the meeting - Will get a hold of Brandi to see what happened and get a corrected version.

Received 3 applications for ZA position -

Edward Hanson lives in Lincoln - Currently ZA in Huntington, Addison, St. George and Sudbury.

Anthony Scattaglia from New York City

Rebecca Elder lives in Starksboro

Motion to adjourn meeting -1st - Norman Cota, 2nd - Daniel Nugent

Motion approved - meeting adjourned at 9:25pm

Next meeting scheduled December 21 at 7pm