

I - Call to Order

PC Members attending- Dennis Casey, Chair, Norm Cota, Dan Harris, Hugh Johnson, Jeff Keeney, and Dan Nugent Others attending- Dave Wetmore.

7:00 PM –Dennis called the PC meeting to order.

Visitor Business and adjustments to agenda- no adjustments

II- Minutes

Jeff moved the 10/21/2016 draft minutes as corrected, Norm 2nds. Approved 4-yes, 0-no, Nugent and Harris abstain

III- PC Business

1. Brandy will attend the 12/1 meeting
2. Tim Boutin is working with a group to develop the All-Hazards Mitigation Plan. The 1st meeting will be held November 17 at 3:00 PM. The working group includes Tom Estey, Cheryl Estey, Dennis Casey and Jeff Keeney, SB member and Dave Wetmore.
3. Dave is planning to attend a flood certification course the week of 12/5- 12/8.

Town Plan update planning-

Dave- has submitted a municipal planning grant application. Previously, Dave did not think we would be eligible because our Plan had expired. That is not the case and Dave worked quickly to put one together. It was submitted on 10/31 the final deadline date.

Jeff- has reviewed the first major section of the Plan and offered several observations. He suggested breaking certain sections out and giving each section to review and revise;

1. Historical data- Historical Society, Elsa Gilbertson.
2. Roads- Tom Estey and Road crew
3. Community facilities- Cheryl, Jim Geier (Meeting House) and SB
4. Energy- Caleb Elder
5. Natural Resources- Conservation Commission, Lewis Creek Association(Louis duPont)
6. Education- Robinson School Principal
7. Mobile Home Parks- ACCT

Jeff will highlight specific areas that he thinks needs work/updating and send to PC for review. He stressed that minor changes would likely need to be made.

PC- asked Dave to invite a couple representatives of the CC to the next meeting of the PC on Nov. 17.

PC- discussed the need to begin to reach out to residents early through FPF and Gazette. Announce that the PC is beginning the process to update the TP and invite/direct folks to the website to review the 2011 Plan. Stress that the process will involve a new community survey will be available in January that will provide guidance to remaining input process.

PC- observed the Agricultural section needs work. PC agreed that agricultural enterprises continue to change significantly, noting that maple production has grown dramatically and other agricultural enterprises are more diverse than just dairy, speaking of hops, small fruits and vegetables and even fish/aquaculture. PC discussed at length reaching out to one person to help with this, but in the end decided to reach out to all known agricultural enterprises seeking information about them and their future needs. Dave should begin to put a list of farmers together for PC review. Information that should be asked includes;

1. Inventory and assessment of existing business conditions
2. Type of products produced and sold
3. Acres managed for agricultural business
4. Location in Town
5. Future needs of industry. What can the Town do to support their business.

Additionally, ask ag businesses to look at existing TP language and new Bylaws to see if they accurately reflect/address their portion of ag industry. Folks should be encouraged to make any other comments they wish.

Survey- all the information gathered will be available to PC when organizing the Town wide Survey planned. PC discussed and reviewed the questions asked of the last survey respondents. Questions need to be specific and not so general, or at least provide enough information that respondents answers are helpful to the Plans development. PC noted the survey should include questions about the recently adopted Zoning, and acknowledge that development trends seemed to have leveled off significantly from the late 1990's and early 2000's. PC suggested asking a few questions as to the type of commercial and industrial uses would be appropriate. Some other question possibilities;

1. Do you own or rent? Type? SFH, MFH, MH, clustered, rural vs village?
2. Elderly and/or affordable housing, income, rent \$, age, etc.
3. Pedestrian safety
4. Appropriate renewable energy

IV- Other

Correspondence-

- Zoning Corner- Gazette
- Wind power map
- PSB- recommended standards for substantial deference
- Statewide property mapping by State
- Act 250 digital delegation to Town Clerk
- Hinesburg Town Plan revisions
- Wetlands Permit notice- VT AOT
- Summary of Wind Forum- April 2014
- Part 1 and 2 survey 2009

Next meeting November 17, 2016

VII- Adjournment

Jeff moved to adjourn at 9:00 PM, Norm 2nds. Motion to adjourn 6- yes, 0-no.