

**I - Call to Order**

PC Members attending- Dennis Casey, Chair, Norm Cota, Dan Harris, Hugh Johnson, Jeff Keeney, Kelly Norris, and Dan Nugent.

Others present- Dave Wetmore

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

**II- Adjustments/Minutes**

4/6/2017 minutes review- Jeff moved minutes as corrected, 2nd by Hugh. Approved 4-yes and 0-no, Dan Nugent, Kelly and Norm abstained, Dennis signed.

7/20/2017 minutes review- Jeff moved as presented, Dan H. 2nds. Approved 6-yes and 0-no, Hugh abstained. Dennis signed.

**III- Visitors Business and Adjustments to agenda**

No Visitor business

**IV- PC Business**

**Energy Working group-** met on 7/26/2016. Brandy did not provide the information Jeff requested at 7/20 meeting. ACRPC has included Starksboro in their plan to work on energy update. Digger Fasey passed along updated maple industry information from Dave Folino.

**Class 4 road proposed changes-** Dave announced that the Selectboard’s public meeting on the change to Brown Hill East and Mason Hill will be discussed at a meeting on August 22<sup>nd</sup> at Robinson School. Dan Nugent shared that VAST (snowmobile trail) has an interest in this change to Brown Hill and will be attending.

**Brookside 7/25 meeting-** No PC member attended.

**Hazard Mitigation Plan-** Dave reported that the draft Plan is mostly complete and it has been submitted to the State for preliminary review. Minor edits still need to be completed before Town can adopt. Cheryl has passed on to rest of working group for review.

**Land sale to Kerry Kurt-** Dave reported that the Selectboard is moving ahead with the sale. Geoff Greene, ACT 250 Coor. Attended a SB meeting and stated that the reclamation completed by the Town was satisfactory and will send a compliance letter stating so. PC members expressed frustration with the way the SB handled this and hopes that in the future that the SB will consult with the PC as they should.

**Review of Community Plan section of Town Plan**

Prior to beginning the PC discussed how to accomplish the review most effectively. Discussion centered on the work that has been implemented in the new Land Use Regulations and the need to recognize that many of the policies should remain in place. PC noted that it is the “objectives” that provide the structure to accomplish a policy, while a policy is the action or measure of accomplishment. Clearly some objectives should become goals, at least those that have been completed.

**Housing-**

G11-13- keep

O1 and O3- combine and reworked into a goal

O2- eliminate

O4- move to a goal

O5- remove bullets and leave opening objective.

P1- keep but shorten

P2- keep

P3- eliminate

P4-6- keep

P7- eliminate

P8- keep

P9- important, broaden to include as a general goal.

P10- eliminate

**Economic Development**

G14-17- Keep but revise

O6- keep but eliminate bullets

O7- eliminate

P11- keep and stress that mixed use zoning requires compatibility between uses.

P12-13- keep but edit

P14- eliminate, it's just a statement

P15-16- keep

P17- keep, change "discourage" to "prohibit large-scale".

P18- keep, change "provide" to "consider flexibility"

P19- keep

**Education**

G18-keep

O8- change "Maintain and continue" to "Strive to improve". Change Vocational Ctr. To Hannaford Career Ctr.

O9- change "Provide" to "Seek lifelong"

O10- change to "Seek to support resources and access for children and youth to after-school and summer program activities.

P20-24- keep

P25- eliminate

P26-keep

**Community Utilities, Facilities and Services**

G19-20- keep

- O11- eliminate
- O12- keep
- O13- eliminate
- O14-16- keep
- O17- keep but edit

- P27- keep
- P28- eliminate
- P28-31- keep
- P32 and 33- rework, differentiate between service and transmission lines
- P34- keep
- P35- keep, remove wind reference
- P36-41- keep

**Recreation**

- G21-23- keep

- O18- edit “Seek to develop...”
- O19-21- keep

- P42-44- keep

Possible strategy- seek to develop partnerships that will provide opportunities for Starksboro residents.

**V- Other**

**Mail/Correspondence-**

Hazard Mitigation Plan

**VI- Adjournment**

Norm moved to adjourn at 9:30 PM, Jeff 2nds. Motion to adjourn approved, 7- yes, 0-no.