

Minutes of Franklin Planning Commission
Tuesday, July 15, 2014
Homestead Dining Room

Members Present: Clark Hubbard, Dan Larivee, Peter Kittell, Judith McLaughin, Greg Bouchard

Others Present: Maureen Sodaro

Meeting called to order at 7:11 pm by Clark Hubbard.

Minutes: The June minutes were approved by the PC.

Mail Folder: No mail to review.

Old Business: The PC continued to discuss the new state regulations regarding shoreland changes (Act 172). Clark gave Peter a copy of Act 172 to review as Peter was not at the June meeting. The Selectboard and Zoning Board have the information regarding such regulations.

New Business: The PC discussed the need for all Franklin boards to be informed of Town Plan. The PC also discussed enforcement of violations of the plan as well as the difficulties involved in enforcing the violations. The PC discussed current violations that are not being addressed. The question was brought up by Judith as to what can the PC do if the other boards are not enforcing violations. The PC will ask the Selectboard if they have reviewed the Shoreline Protection Act regulations (Act 172) and whether or not they have plans to incorporate this into the town plan or let the State of Vermont handle the applications. Judith feels that if the Selectboard does not want to enforce the new regulations, that the State of Vermont should be the permitting agency. The PC members agreed. The PC feels that Selectboard should consider that approval of applications for changes according to Act 172 will be slower if the State of Vermont is responsible for approval or disapproval of the applications. Judith asked if the PC can send out educational updates to the public regarding regulations such as Act 172. Documents such as Act 172 can be put into the Franklin Town Website as well. Judith will write up an educational summary to present to the PC at the August meeting for review before putting it on the Town of Franklin Website.

Member Concerns: - no concerns

The next regular meeting of the PC will be August 19, 2014 at 7:00 pm in the Homestead Dining Room.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Clark Hubbard, seconded by Dan Larivee. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

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Planning Commission continued

Respectfully Submitted,
July 16, 2014
Maureen Sodaro, Secretary

Note: These minutes are not final until approved by the Planning Commission at their next regular meeting.