

Minutes of the Franklin Planning Commission
Tuesday, October 18, 2016
Homestead Dining Room

Members Present: Clark Hubbard, Judith McLaughlin, Peter Kittell, Dan Larivee, Rolland Rainville, Dave Bennion

Guests: Taylor Newton, NRP

Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm

Mail Folder: There is a meeting regarding the wind power in Swanton. Judith is interested in attending. The PC looked at and Clark signed a State permit for Corey Bertrand regarding Wastewater System and Potable Water Supply, as well as notices of public hearing for wind turbines to be located in Swanton.

Approval of Minutes: Clark asked if members had any questions/comments about the September minutes. Dan made a motion to approve September 2016 minutes, seconded by Judith. All members approved the motion.

Old Business: Clark will again ask Bob Irish for copies of all permits that have been approved this year. Clark will ask Bob for permits both verbally and in writing. .

New Business: Taylor is present to continue to review updates to the Town Plan. Chapter 12 was the focus of tonight's meeting.

Clark stated that the Selectboard discussed the grant application, but has not heard any results.

*Regarding growth in and around village center. There was discussion between what is village center and village zoning district. The village center is defined by the State of Vermont. Clark would like to speak to someone working for the State of Vermont regarding expanding the designation of the village center. Taylor gave Clark the name and phone number of the person to contact.

The PC and Taylor went over recommendations for changes to Chapter 12 of the Town Municipal Plan. There was discussion regarding the designation of flood plain and river corridor. Taylor explained the pros and Cons of adopting River Corridor in Municipal plan. There is a monetary advantage to adopting a river corridor in the plan.

*The PC and Taylor discussed the other suggested changes as required by the State.

*Taylor had added updated pictures of maps to the chapter. (Wildlife Areas, Physiographic Regions, Topography, Steep Slopes, Primary Agricultural Soils, Watershed, Wellhead Protection Areas, Wetlands, and Flood Zones)

*The PC explained to Taylor the reasoning for our setback regulations

*The areas in the village that are considered floodplain.

Taylor is scheduled for November and December 20. It was left open at this point for the December meeting to change depending on Taylor's schedule.

Clark asked the members if they had any further comments, and there were none.

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Dan made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Judith. All were in favor of adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

*NOTE: Maureen mentioned that before she turned off the recorder, she noticed the needle was not moving, and was concerned that the recorder did not record the meeting. Notes are being typed to the best of memory.

The next regular meeting of the Franklin Planning Commission will be held on November 15, 2016 at 7:00 in the Homestead Dining Room.

Respectfully Submitted,
October 19, 2016
Maureen Sodaro, Secretary

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

These minutes were approved at the November 15, 2016 board meeting.