

**WATERBURY PLANNING COMMISSION
APPROVED MINUTES
Monday, September 22, 2014**

Members present: Jeff Kampion, Mary Koen
Staff present: Steve Lotspeich, Community Planner; Patti Spence, Secretary
Public: Barb Farr
Kathy Grace

There was not a quorum so no official business was conducted.

**DISCUSS APPLICATION TO THE VTRANS/ACCD STRONG COMMUNITIES
GRANT PROGRAM**

At 7:20 p.m. there was a follow up discussion regarding application to the VTrans/ACCD Strong Communities grant program for a growth centers study including examining the feasibility of extending the Village wastewater system to serve the growth centers.

Barb Farr said that the Floodplain Management Working Group is looking at revising the hazard mitigation plan and the related projects. One project is looking at areas for potential growth outside of the floodplain. A current U.S. Economic Development Authority (EDA) grant is coming to an end and a recent meeting with a representative of the EDA revealed that there are additional opportunities for grants.

Two grants were presented by Barb Farr:

1. VTrans Strong Communities grant - focusing on land use including expanding our two growth centers outside of the 100-yr. floodplain. This project would start during January, 2015 and go for 18 months.
2. EDA grant - focusing on a feasibility study for extending the wastewater service district to serve expanded growth centers including Waterbury Center village. This would be more engineering related. The project would also be for 18 months, starting in January 2015.

The Planning Commission has been invited to do the public outreach for the Strong Communities grant with possibly 2-4 meetings. The Planning Commission would be very involved with the project along with the consultant team, Select Board, Trustees, business community, and general public.

**DISCUSS POSSIBLE POLICIES AND SCENARIOS FOR DEVELOPMENT IN THE
FLOODPLAIN**

At 8:00 p.m. The Flood Hazard Area Regulations matrix was discussed to bring Mary up to speed from previous updates to the matrix. It was suggested to make the far right column for the current regulations and add a column for comments. The current regulation may be repeated as one of the 3 "options".

Concerning "Maintenance activities" - Steve agreed to draft a moderate option.

Types of Allowed Uses will be the discussion at the next Planning Commission meeting. It was suggested to change heading "allowed uses" to "Location/Standards for Categories of Uses"

It was suggested to create separate sections for "New Development" and "Re-development"

OTHER BUSINESS

The next Trustees meeting is on 9/24/14. A presentation is being made by Roy Schiff on the on-going flood mitigation study that the firm is doing. The Planning Commission members are invited to attend. Mary and Jeff are both planning on attending this Trustees meeting and other Commission members will also be invited.

The scheduled Commission meeting on October 13th, Columbus Day, is cancelled. Holding a meeting on Sept. 29th or October 6th was discussed. It was recommended that the next Commission meeting be scheduled for October 6th at 7:00 pm as long as a quorum is possible.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Patti Spence
Secretary

*These minutes were approved on October 6, 2014.