

WATERBURY PLANNING COMMISSION
Approved Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 28, 2016

Planning Commission: Ken Belliveau, Chair; Mary Koen, Sarah McShane, Becca Washburn

Staff: Steve Lotspeich, Community Planner; Patti Spence, Secretary

The Chair opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Center at 28 N. Main St.

AGENDA REVIEW AND MODIFICATIONS

There were no changes made to the agenda.

COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC

There were no members of the public at the meeting to provide comments.

DISCUSSION OF FUTURE DEVELOPMENT STUDY FOR THE VILLAGE OF WATERBURY – FOLLOW UP TO PUBLIC MEETING

Steve reported that he has reached out to some of the landowners in the areas being discussed as possibilities for future higher density development. These were landowners who did not attend the public meeting on October 24th.

Part of the discussion revolved around significant natural resources such as prime agricultural soils and natural wildlife habitats within the areas being discussed.

Zoe Gordon, Economic Development Director, sent correspondence asking to have a meeting on re-writing the zoning regulations. The Board felt the next step was to find out if Waterbury receives the Municipal Planning Grant we applied for the re-write of certain chapters in the Zoning Regulations. Then set up a meeting when Zoe and any others can come and discuss this topic with the full Planning Commission. Steve will respond to Zoe accordingly.

A synthesis of the maps that have been created can continue to be refined. It was agreed that individual Planning Commission members can visit the areas being considered for higher density development on their own.

ENERGY PLANNING STANDARDS

A handout titled “ACT 174 Recommendations and Determination Standards” was distributed. The program is optional at the local level. CVRPC will be hosting a workshop on December 14th from 6-8pm at the Northfield Library on this topic.

Goals set relative to the energy planning can be part of the Municipal Plan with approval by the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC). The PC initiates this process of revising the Municipal Plan but the elected officials have the final approval.

Steve will find out the timing being used by the CVRPC on their technical assistance program and the incorporation of the new energy standards into the Regional and Municipal Plans.

PLANNER'S REPORT

A meeting was held to discuss the Colbyville Pedestrian Bicycle Scoping Study. A scoping study will be done using a VTrans grant. A consulting team led by the firm, Broadreach Planning and Design, has been retained for this project, which will include discussion on how to extend the Village sidewalk system into the Colbyville area.

Several zoning related projects were discussed. A full report from the Zoning Administrator will be provided at the December 12, 2016 meeting.

Steve shared information from the VT Council on Rural Development, www.ruralvt.org.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Becca Washburn moved and Mary Koen seconded the motion to approve the Planning Commission minutes for October 24, 2016, with corrections.

Vote: Passed 4, 0

MOTION


Mary Koen moved and Sarah McShane seconded the motion to allow the PC Chair, Ken Belliveau, to sign the authorization for ACT 250 paperless notifications.

Vote: Passed 4, 0

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Patti Spence
Secretary