

Meeting called to order by Mitch at 1829

In attendance: Mitch Wonson, Kenric Gonyaw, Darrell Martin, Jim Davis, Stacy Boone

Approval of minutes from 8/29/24

* without changes

Motion to accept, Kenric; Second, Jim
PASS – unanimous

Correspondence

- At the School Board’s last meeting, a handout was distributed for the school building next steps. Helpful information since the school building is mentioned in detail in the Plan.
 - September – hold meeting with Selectboard, develop pros/cons for framework/develop hypothetical operating budget.
 - October/November – hold informational meeting.
 - January – school approves budget with facilities costs included and potential articles for sale of building/grounds and transfer of land to town included in the warning.
 - March – Town Meeting with vote on school budget and potential articles for sell or transfer of land.
 - July 2025 – building ownership retained by school district or sold.
- Email from Kyle acknowledging that the Energy section is a big project. Suggested a smaller element such as the Lunenburg Plan. Another option is the section as included in the 2012 plan. It is much like the 2007 plan, which does meet the obligations but will require a later update.
 - There are some updates, including figures, that are relevant to the plan.
 - Discussion of WMA and logging and wood for heat in the community.
 - Some frustration with the delay.

Review of the town plan

- There is a conflict in the maps in the most recent plan with the maps forwarded from the NVDA. A decision on what maps to include made. Need the NVDA to provide the following maps:
 - Land Use/Cover Map 6/23/2016
 - Natural Resource Constraints Map 6/23/2016
 - River Corridor Map 6/23/2016
- Review any changes to the revised 1-38 pages.
 - Add a sentence in Utilities and Facilities for how the objectives and implementation notes follow each delineated section.
- Review revisions for pages 39-54. This is a lengthy and detailed process.

Next steps

- Stacy to revise compiled pages 39-54 as agreed. Will highlight changes in yellow and forward to commission for easy review.
 - Darrell to revise the Energy section, abbreviate given the timeline.
 - Stacy needs to confirm ERAF status with Diane.
- Forward in full to Kyle.
- No additional meeting dates scheduled for commission review.
- 30 days before the Public Meeting, send copies (via email) to the appropriate list.
- A limited number of copies will be made available for pickup at the Town Office for those who do not have access to an electronic copy or wish to have a paper copy for review.
 - Stacy will follow-up to get copies once the draft is ready.
 - Maps to be printed in color.
 - Diana can post on website and send via the Town call-out email blast.
- Intention is to have the Town Plan public hearing on Thursday, October 31st at 6:30 pm.
- Assuming no major changes, Selectboard can hold their hearing December 2 or 16 for adoption.
- Hazard Mitigation Plan needs to continue to be on the agenda.

Other business

- Mitch is resigning from the Planning Commission and there is a transition that needs to take place.
- Next steps for Chair.
 - Keys to office and notice boards.
 - Agendas must be posted 48 hours before any meeting.
 - Recycling
 - School
 - Town Office
 - Mitch will forward a copy of the public hearing notice and email list to the new chair.
 - All neighboring towns must receive a copy of the plan with a return receipt request notification.

Motion for Jim as the newly elected Chair, Mitch; Second, Darrell
PASS – unanimous

- The current members of the Planning Commission extend a heartfelt appreciation to Mitch for his patience as our guide with this Town Plan and for sharing the tools of the process and its importance. His leadership and knowledge are valuable and will be missed. BUT, we appreciate that we can call him anytime to fill in the blanks of details we might not know. It is an enormous responsibility to meet state regulations, but the value is in considering what we can do to benefit our community. Mitch, thank you.

Meeting adjourned at 2010

Motion Jim; Second, Kenric

PASS – unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Boone

9/12/2024