

Monkton Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – December 2, 2014.

Approved: 12-16-2014

Those Present: Wendy Sue Harper, Peter Close, Lee Mahony, Jay Frater, Ivor Hughes. Thea Gaudette

Absent: Non.

Visitor: Linda Reynolds

The meeting was called to order at 7.35 pm. Proposed by Ivor seconded by Lee Vice Chair.

Administrative

1) Minutes. The minutes of November 18, 2014 were approved as amended.

Proposed by Ivor seconded by Lee.

Old Business

2) Process and Procedures Review

This was a continuation from the last meeting. Thea will be providing a "How to guide".

One item recommended to be added as an agenda item is "Members Concerns".

3) Complete Streets

The draft proposal of recommendations for traffic calming and safety relating to Monkton Ridge was discussed. There are four main points: the addition of Fog lines, addition of Bump-outs on entrance to village area, the addition of a cross walk near the General Store and Gateway signs. Preliminary costs to accomplish these recommendations were taken from the Complete Streets Report. The general idea is to try these traffic and safety concerns first on Monkton Ridge and then based on results to apply them in the Boro.

- With regard to the signs, a discussion took place with Linda Reynolds as to the incorporation of her design of the Monkton flag. She will construct a model for presentation of her idea. In addition Ivor had contacted Russ Baker to see if the Boy Scouts were interested in taking on the construction and placing of the signs. Russ is to get back to us.

- One additional topic was discussed. It was to recommend reducing the speed limit to 25mph.

Lee is to update the proposal and to contact Steve Pilcher Select Board chair to give him a heads up on what we will be finally presenting to the select Board.

4) Town Plan Priorities Next Steps

- Viewshed Study Contract. The contract has been signed by the Select Board.
- USGS: Sand and gravel Study. Waiting to hear back from USGS.
- Planning Survey for 2015. Wendy Sue is to contact Addison Regional Planning to see who might be available as a speaker who can provide guidance on conducting surveys.

5) UPD Issues. Shoreline protection: A speaker is to be brought in to provide information on the new law at a combine meeting with the DRB at the 20th. Jan 2015 MPC meeting.

New Business

6) 2015 Town Report. The draft text for the MPC insert into the Town Report by Wendy Sue was reviewed and revised.

7) Updates from ACRPC, DRB, MEC or ANAC. Jay reported that the Energy Committee had signed an MOU with Acorn Energy to provide a financial model for a community solar project.

8) Other issues:

Projects to Finish

- Post approved bylaws of town website.
- Posting Final Minutes on the Web for 2013 and 2014

Next meeting December 16th

Adjournment Time: 8.57 pm. Proposed: Jay, Seconded: Lee.

These minutes respectively submitted by Ivor Hughes