

Monkton Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – February 17, 2015.

Approved: Date: 3/17/2105

Present: Wendy Sue Harper, Peter Close Lee Mahony, Ivor Hughes.

Absent: Jay Frater, Thea Gaudette

Visitors: Russell Baker (Scout Master), Will Aldrich (Candidate Eagle Scout), Liz Aldrich and Alan Karnatz.

The meeting was called to order at 7.32 pm. By Wendy Sue.

1) Complete Streets - Will Aldrich Eagle Scout Sign project.

Introductions. Russell Baker provided an overview of the steps required to qualify for an Eagle Scout and introduced the candidate Will Aldrich. Lee provided an overview of the project. Ivor talked about the steps required to accomplish the project and the requirement to return to the Planning Commission when the project was scoped out and costs known. This would be in preparation for presenting the project to the Select Board for a request for funding.

The candidate was enthusiastic and the MPC believe that this is a good project to be undertaken by the Scouts that would benefit the town. It is anticipated the project will be completed by the end of summer.

2) Allen Karnatz, Vermont Land Trust, Conserving the Cota Farm.

Steven Pilcher Select Board Chair joined the conversation via speaker phone

A map was presented by Allen Karnatz showing the 221 acres of farm land being proposed by the Cota's for conservation. This land has now been approved for appraisal, an initial step towards the conservation process. The main discussion revolved around a parcel of 13 acres bordering Prison Hollow Road, north side just below the Ridge. All or some of this acreage might fall into the "Village Area" zoning. Thus there may be some conflict with the Town Plan that would need to be resolved. To determine this, an overlay map is required of the zoning area and the proposed acres for conservation. When this is available the MPC will be better able to offer an opinion. Action is to obtain the overlay map. Steven Pilcher noted that there might be an area of sand and gravel that should be identified.

Administrative

3) Minutes. The minutes of 02/03/2015 were approved as amended. Lee moved seconded by Peter, passed unanimously.

Old Business

4) Complete Streets. Traffic Calming Proposal. The cross walk and road striping are to be taken up with the Road Commissioner after the winter period is over.

5) ACRPC NR Significant Scenic Resources Discussion. TNC land, the oven, others?

Ivor to contact ACRPC Kevin Behm to see if we can get a larger scale map of "Regional Significant Resources" for just the Monkton Town area also to determine if the geological formation on Raven Ridge is in Monkton.

6) Viewshed Study. Ivor has received the Sound Bite from Claire Tebbs and will now actively solicit Monkton organizations and public for candidates interested in participating in this study.

7) Town Plan Priorities Next Steps, USGS: Sand and gravel Study

The State Geologist has requested as part of offsetting this work to have Monkton provide a map indicating homestead locations and water wells. Steven Pilcher is to provide this.

- Planning Survey for 2015. No current activity.

8) UPD Issues Shoreline protection new rules. Still trying to identify and have a speaker attend one of our meetings to explain the new law.

9) Town Fair March 1st

Lee and Ivor to attend. Prepare for the following: The function of the MPC, Town plan, Complete Streets, Viewshed study and discuss with attendees what they think are important issues facing the future of Monkton. This will help as we formulate the town wide survey.

New Business

10) Town-wide Survey

Some topics that might be included: Wind, Solar, Affordable housing and Habitat for Humanity.

11) Updates from ACRPC, DRB, MEC or ANAC, None

12) Other issues that should be discussed. None

Future Meetings:

March 17th: Speaker?? Shoreline Protection?

April 7th Speaker?? Smart Growth/Village Centers

April 21st: Speaker?? Surveys

Adjourned at 9.50 pm. Proposed Lee, Seconded Peter, Vote Unanimous

These minutes respectfully submitted by Ivor Hughes