

Monkton Planning Commission Meeting Minutes December 15, 2015

Approved: 01/05/2016

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

Absent: Marilyn Cargill, Sam Burr

Visitors: None

The meeting was called to order at 7.42 pm. by Wendy Sue Harper

Administrative

1) Minutes. The minutes of 12/1/2015 were moved for review by Jay, Lee second. The minutes were passed as amended Peter proposed seconded by Jay.

2) Mail. Letter received from the PSB for a Citation to serve. Re Docket 8644 VGS Morrow Condemnation and Broughton Condemnation. Prehearing conference Dec 17. Ivor will attend on behalf of Wendy Sue.

Old Business

3) Town Report. Wendy Sue provided a draft of MPC report to be included in the town report for review.

4) Town-wide Planning Survey. No action

5) Updating the UPD. The UPD has been updated with the administrative changes. Ivor proposed to accept, Lee seconded passed unanimously.

Future work will concentrate on selecting and prioritizing the items that will need to be addressed such as Shoreline Protection, Flood ready, Solar Screening, etc. In regards to affordable housing it was recommended that we bring in a speaker to update us on current ideas.

6) Complete Streets Project Report. This is an Eagle Scout project. Landowner agreement for sign location needs to be reported back to the MPC. There is a possibility that the sign on the Bristol Road, entry to the ridge may have to be relocated. Some signs appear to not have been set deep enough as specified. Lee is to work with Eagle Scout and Scout Leaders to ensure the project is per the MPC requirements.

7) Viewshed Study Activities Report. All the maps plus Monkton residents' comments have been returned to the ACRPC. A meeting will be held in the New Year to discuss the results and conclusions before issuing the final report. ACRPC will supply information to the MPC so as a link can be provided from the town web site to access the maps and pictures. All invoices have been paid.

8) Town Plan Priorities Next Steps. No Action

9) Resilient Communities Discussion. No action

New Business

10) Update the Town Plan for 2019 Town Meeting Vote. Broad discussion on various topics.

11) Updates:

a. ACRPC. Wendy Sue reported that a presentation was made at the last meeting on "The State Energy Plan". A number of proposals are in the works to bring Canadian electrical power through New York and under Lake Champlain to tie in to the electrical substation in New Haven. It is highly likely that the VELCO power corridor and power lines through Monkton will be on the list for an upgrade. It will be necessary to review the Town Plan areas that address this.

b. DRB. It was proposed to invite Ken Wheeling, Zoning Administrator, to one of our future meetings to give the MPC an overview of the DRB and Zoning process and to provide a general update.

c. MEC. Jay reported that the energy survey was available for residents to complete. May be accessed from the town Web site. A good early response was reported. Also the Agency of Transportation is going to be conducting its own survey on transportation needs on a community by community basis. The intent is to distribute the survey with the Town report.

d. Hazard Mitigation Committee. Lee reported that a draft plan has been presented.

e. ANAC, Listers, Others. No report.

12) Other Issues and Member Concerns. None

(Note: Next regular meeting will be January 5th, 2015.)

The meeting was adjourned at 9.40 pm. Moved by Lee seconded by Peter, passed unanimously.

These minutes respectfully submitted by Ivor Hughes