

Monkton Planning Commission Meeting Minutes January 5, 2016

Approved 01/19/2016

Present: Wendy Sue Harper, Lee Mahony, Jay Frater, Marilyn Cargill, Sam Burr, Ivor Hughes

Absent: Peter Close

Visitors: None

The meeting was called to order at 7.40 pm. by Wendy Sue Harper

Administrative

1) Minutes. The minutes of 12/15/2015 were opened for review, proposed by Marilyn seconded by Lee

The minutes were passed unanimously as amended. Proposed by Jay, seconded by Sam

2) Mail. The MPC received a number of "condemnation easements rights" correspondence from the PSB. These related to Peyser, Broughton, Morrow and Mejia/Lauer properties. These documents directed the MPC to appear at a meeting of the Hearing Officer. The first to be scheduled was held on Dec 30. Ivor Hughes attended, representing Wendy Sue Harper chair of the MPC. Representatives and their attorneys were there from the PSD, VGS as well as Mrs. Peyser. Also Selectboard chair S. Pilcher plus the press. There were approx 40 people in attendance.

The PSB attorney Mr. John Cotter opened the meeting, which was almost immediately interrupted by protesters which continued throughout. Attorneys huddled together with the PSB and the meeting was abruptly ended after approx 10 minutes. The ruling was that any further action would be delayed until the PSB had ruled on VGS Cert. of Public Good. The parties then proceeded to the Peyser property for a site visit which they were unable to perform due to the driveway being blocked by protesters.

Old Business

3) Town Report. The MPC report for the Monkton Town Report has been completed. Sam moved to approve it seconded by Marilyn. Passed unanimously.

4) Town-wide Planning Survey. This was the main discussion and working session of this meeting.

The group worked its way through Marilyn's survey work sheets/question topic list. As a separate town wide energy survey is currently underway and a separate transportation survey by the State is scheduled to be released with the Town Report it was decided to eliminate questions relating to these topics.

Work will continue on refining the topics and questions in future meetings.

5) Updating the UPD. No action

6) Complete Streets Project Report. Lee reported that Will Aldrich has spoken to all the landowners whose property the new welcome signs located on. One sign currently on the Philips property was requested to be removed. It will be installed on the other side of the road. Resetting the remaining sign posts deeper in the ground is still pending.

7) Viewshed Study Activities Report. Ivor reported that Kevin Behm ARPC has competed the Google maps with all the photographs installed. This is to be made available on the town's web site. ACRPC is putting together the final report.

8) Town Plan Priorities Next Steps. No action

9) Resilient Communities Discussion. No action

10) Update the Town Plan for 2019 Town Meeting Vote. No action

New Business

11) Updates from ACRPC, DRB, MEC, Hazard Mitigation Committee, No report

ANAC: A joint meeting between Monkton and the surrounding towns has been scheduled

Listers: The reappraisal of properties has commenced.

12) Other Issues and Member Concerns. Ivor indicated it is believed that the PSB will be ruling on the VGS pipeline in the next few weeks. He also indicated his concern over VGS ability to use HDD to install the pipeline through/under the Monkton wetlands in light of the PSD gas safety engineer's recent report that indicated VGS was having significant problems.

(Note: Next regular meeting will be January 19th, 2016.)

The meeting was adjourned at 9.50 pm. Moved by Sam seconded by Marilyn, passed unanimously.

These minutes respectfully submitted by Ivor Hughes