

Monkton Planning Commission Meeting Minutes May 17, 2016

Approved 7 June 2016

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

Absent: Gayle Grim Visitors: None

The meeting was called to order at 7.38 pm. By Wendy Sue

Administrative Business

1) Minutes. Lee moved seconded by Marilyn. The minutes were unanimously approved as amended, moved by Peter seconded by Marilyn.

2) Mail.

a) Notification of a Spring Planning and Zoning Forum Wed June 15.

b) Letter from Dept of Environmental Conservation May 5. Norris 7 lot subdivision on Mountain Road indicating they have received fee and application re Drinking water and ground water protection Division.

Old Business

3) Town-wide Planning Survey. No action

4) UPD. Discussion on PUD's. Charlotte and Hinesburg zoning and land use regulations were reviewed with respect to their PUD for comparison. Discussion on whether our current zoning was current with State regulations and if the DRB was having any issues that needed addressing requiring possible clarifications or amended/revisions etc. Sub topics discussed were: contiguous parcels, percentage open land, management plan for open land etc.

5) Monkton Viewshed Study. The ACRPC is updating the document with our suggested changes.

6) Complete Streets.

a) A thank you card was received from Will Aldrich thanking us for our support of his Eagle Scout Project in which he erected new Welcome Monkton signs at the ridge and Boro. The necessary Boy Scouts paperwork was signed by Ivor on behalf of the MPC acknowledging the completion of the project.

b) A suggestion was made to consider having banners advertising Monkton mounted to the utility poles on the Ridge. This has been done in many of the surrounding towns such as Ferrisburg and Vergennes.

c) Ivor recommended that "Share the Road Signs" be erected. These are in use by many towns to alert drivers to share the road with cyclists, pedestrians and horses. While there are a number of roads that have this multiple use in town one popular route is Pond Road and top end of Rotax Road (from Davis to Pond Road intersection). Ivor to contact the Select Board to make the request for these signs.

7) Town Plan. No action

New Business

8) Act 117 Materials. A new copy is to be reproduced with the latest amendments.

9) Updates from ACRPC. Wendy Sue related that at the recent award dinner, Thea Gaudette had received an award for her many years of service and dedication to the ACRPC.

MEC. Jay indicated that the results of the transportation survey were to become available on May 18.

DRB, or Others. None

10) Other Issues and Member Concerns

Marilyn and Ivor brought up the possibility of inviting students to serve on the MPC. A recent article in the Burlington Free Press discussed the youth movement on a number of Shelburne Boards and committees; this would be a good way of engaging our youth as well as getting a different perspective. Student would be nonvoting participants.

Next regular meeting will be June 7th, 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at 9.17 pm. Moved by Lee seconded by Marilyn, passed unanimously.

These minutes respectfully submitted by Ivor Hughes