

Monkton Planning Commission Meeting Minutes March 21, 2017

Approved : April 4, 2017

Present: Lee Mahony, Ivor Hughes, Marilyn Cargill, Gayle Grim, Peter Close, Wendy Sue Harper, John Brace.

Absent: None Visitors: Foster Collette

The meeting was called to order at 7.33 pm. by Marilyn.

Administrative Business

- 1) **Minutes. 2/21/2017.** Lee moved Ivor seconded. These were passed unanimously as amended with Wendy Sue abstaining. Proposed by Lee seconded by Ivor.
- 2) **Mail:** Letter from Vermont Environmental Agency in regards to the use of insecticide and notice of public meeting for comment.
- 3) **Election of officers and Bylaws.** Marilyn welcomed new member John Brace. The MPC bylaws and procedures were read in preparation for April election of officers.

Old Business

- 4) **Youth participation.** Foster Collette a junior at Mount Abraham HS was welcomed to the MPC. He will be allowed to participate in discussions and projects but will be a nonvoting member. A request was made for parental consent to enable him access to the MPC e-mail system.
- 5) **Town wide Planning Survey.** Various members were requested to provide a summary germane to the other various committees as follows.
Lee: Rec. Committee. Ivor: DRB, Marilyn: Emergency Planning, Wendy Sue: Historical Society, Gayle: Conservation and ANAC.
A letter and summary as well as access to the full survey results and analysis will then be provided to these groups.
- 6) **UPD Next steps.** A meeting is to be scheduled between the MPC chairs, DRB and Select board chairs to discuss various items relevant to the UPD and procedural issues.
The issue raised at the last meeting in regards to the discrepancy between the town map and the UPD for RA5V zoning was discussed. Advice from the town lawyer is that the issue must be resolved either by eliminating the RA5V zone or addressing it in the UPD as an amendment or change to be incorporate into the next UPD revision.
- 7) **Complete streets.** Ivor seeded the banners on poles idea with the Boy Scouts as a possible Eagle Scout project.
- 8) **Business Community Directory.** Gayle reported a start has been made and a number of companies/businesses signed up at the signup sheet available at Town Meeting. There was discussion as to what web software to use for the directory, cost, maintenance, updates, ground rules for incorporation (i.e. resident of Monkton but business may be outside Monkton) and if it should be attached to the town web site. Gayle to contact Steve Pilcher to discuss.
- 9) **New Business.** Solar installations. Wendy Sue provided an update on the maps being produced by the ACRPC indicating suitable sites. She requested that current installations also be incorporated on the map. Ivor brought up that Whiting and New Haven had detail guidelines for solar installations. Monkton will have to provide such a document for incorporation into the next update to the Town Plan. As this is a number of years away there was discussion if this should be issued as an ordinance. This will be needed if the town wants to be responsive in the PSB process should a major solar installation be proposed. Ivor to contact Energy Committee to see if they are drafting requirements.

The next meeting will be April 4th. 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 9.20pm John proposed Lee seconded, passed unanimously.

These minutes respectfully submitted by Ivor Hughes.