

Monkton Planning Commission Meeting Minutes 1/16/2018

Approved: 02/06/2018

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

Absent: None

Visitors: Steven Pilcher, Select Board chair.

The meeting was called to order by Marilyn at 7.32 pm.

- 1) Minutes. The minutes of 01/02/2018 were moved by Ivor seconded by Lee. They were passed as amended, moved by Lee seconded by John with one abstention – Wendy Sue.
 - 2) Mail: Letter from VGS re. Notice of site visit to the valve station location on Jan 8.
 - 3) Steven Pilcher presented the following items for review by the MPC:
 - a) Zoning Administrator job wanted advertisement text and Job description. This will be posted in the newspaper shortly.
 - b) Changes the Select Board made to the UPD.
 - Pg 42, Sec 376 First Cut.
 - Pg 45, Sec. 400 A (3) None Conforming Uses. And Sec. 400 C None conforming Lots (existing small lots).
 - Pg. 51 Sec. 490 Storage of Unregistered Trucks and Trailers.
 - Pg. 75 Sec 835 A6 Final Plat Application and Review.
- The MPC voted to accept the changes, proposed by Ivor seconded by Peter and passed unanimously.
- c) The Select board has been requested by PUC and VGS to provide a letter of support for the Gas valve station and gas distribution in Monkton. There was some discussion on the topic as well as a review of the current Town Plan, which while promoting the use of renewable energy does not preclude the use of natural gas. The select board will decide on their course of action in subsequent select board meetings.
- 4) Ensure that John and Foster are on the town e-mail.
 - 5) Request from John McNerney, select board member as to the status/role/term of our student/intern non-voting member. There was some discussion and it was decided that the definition should be kept as simple as possible and the term should be for one year and renewable if necessary. While most town elected/appointed persons follow a calendar defined by the town meeting schedule our appointment tends to follow the school year. The role of the student/intern is to obtain a young person's input and perspective as well as to provide a learning experience of town government for the intern.
 - 6) Town Plan. Discussion on the Planning Grant and Energy Grant (just awarded to the Energy Committee) and the role of ACRPC in the planning process. Discussed were the plans for community involvement and their feedback by holding a series of public forums. Four such meetings were discussed:
 1. Explanation of the town plan and its role in providing the framework for the UPD. as part of this meeting the results of the town survey would be discussed.
 2. Energy. This would encompass renewables and siting. This probably will be a combine meeting involving the Energy Committee.
 3. Village center, affordable housing, elderly/senior housing.
 4. Land Use, Natural resources, Walk-ability, ride-ability, safe roads etc.
 - 7) The following assignments were made: Point person on Zoning Admin appointment is Marilyn, assisted by Lee, Gayle and Peter. The MPC is responsible for reviewing resumes and interviewing candidates and making recommendations to the Select board.
 - 8) Point Person on the Town Planning grant is Wendy Sue.
 - 9) Information on the town plan and communities involvement. Ivor proposed to provide a write up to the Addison Independent.

The next meeting is scheduled for 02/06/2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 9.36 pm. proposed by Ivor seconded by Gayle. Passed unanimously.

These minutes respectfully submitted by Ivor Hughes.