

WILLIAMSTOWN PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

MEETING HELD ON: August 14, 2019
Minutes - - (DRAFT COPY)

PRESENT: Rich Turner, CH, Horace Duke, Susan Lyons
Guest/s: Pam DeAndrea

The Meeting was called to order at approximately 7:08 p.m.
Agenda – Motion to approve made by Horace Duke and 2nd by Susan L.
Minutes from July 10, 2019 were reviewed – Motion to accept as written made by Horace Duke, 2nd by Susan L. and signed.

Rich T. Welcome to Pam DeAndrea from CVRPC. She is here tonight to present a slide show on Stormwater plans for towns. Looking at the Berlin Stormwater Master Plan for the Town of Berlin, VT. We have a different situation here in Williamstown as the Winooski River drains to Lake Champlain and the CT River drains the other direction.

Pam D. The idea of the Plans is to try to sink water where it is and also to catch instead of running off.
There are Grants available for funding to hire an Engineer. Consulting meets with the Selectboard, Road Foreman, and Planning Commission. They will look at 50 to 100 sites initially. They also look at the schools and will try to involve the Teachers/Science students. There is a NEW (3) three acre Storm Water Rule - - 3 or more acres of impervious surface - - Every Stormwater Master Plan gets several designs (30% designs) and they rank the top five (5) sites and will receive a final design thru Grants.
Block Grant Program is available through the State.
Reference was made to "GIS" – Geographic Information System – a map that could be put on the Town website.

Pam mentioned that a project was going on in Northfield now on Water Street.

Check out on line: VT Guide to Stormwater Management for Homeowners & Small Businesses. (Pam said that she would send us a PDF on this.)

Rich T. Asked about the Grant Process.

Pam D. She can write the Grant.
Needs a letter of support from the Town.
Two types – Block

Discussion followed: Eco System Restoration Program – could start with this – No match required OR – "In Kind _____" - match would be expected.

Discussed the 2018 Winooski Basin Plan and Williamstown is one of the towns included as is Waterbury. The State would like to see these two towns do this.

Process: Is on a ¼ ly Grant cycle and the next one available should be in October.(Waiting on new legislation on how it will be delivered.)

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Rich T. If the Selectboard would like a presentation would you be available?

Pam D. Yes. Could also look on the Calais and Plainfield Website – click on Stormwater Management.
We have four (4) Consulting Companies that are pre-qualified.

Horace D. Are they Bonded?

Pam D. No – we have a Master agreement for 5 years.

Pam also let us know that she will be the GIS specialist on the Transportation Resilience Plan.

Rich T. Any comments? None. Any further discussion? None.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Next Meeting is for: September 11, 2019 - - 7:00 P.M.
