

WILLIAMSTOWN PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

MEETING HELD ON: Sept. 11, 2019 Minutes - - (DRAFT COPY)

PRESENT: Rich Turner, CH, Horace Duke, Matt Rouleau, Jasmin Couillard

The Meeting was called to order at approximately 7:06 p.m. Discussed where we all were on Sept. 11, 2001.

Agenda – Motion to approve made by Matt R., 2nd by Horace Duke.

Minutes from August 14, 2019 were reviewed – Motion to accept as written made by Horace D. and minutes signed.

Rich T. Hazard Mitigation Plan: Discussed that it was open for public comment – then sent to VT Emergency Management. Bonnie working on comments. Will need to be reviewed by Planning Commission and Selectboard. After revised, Rich will follow up with Bonnie

Stormwater Management Master Plan – Could be potential funding and in-kind match, plotting and mapping of water flow. Consultants on Retainer. Pam DeAndrea said that she could attend the next Selectboard meeting to do a presentation.

The Winooski Basin Plan identified Williamstown as a priority as we are at the head of the Stevens Branch.

30% design – 5 top priorities. Ultimate plan is to manage storm water.

Horace D. Asked about the letter of support needed from the Town for writing a Grant for Stormwater Master Plan.

Rich T. Downtown Ordinance: “Downtown Property Standards”, Farm animals.

Matt R. Suggested that the Planning Commission revise the Vehicle Junk Ordinance. Same area as downtown designation. (See the Village designation area on the 2016 Town Plan.)

Horace D. Should it be the area served by the water system?

Matt R. Downtown designation area – see “ms small”.

Should we limit more of the town to these rules?

Discussion: Houses should be suitable “4” season structures.

Could be considered an addendum to another ordinance – possibly solid waste.

Possible add “animals should not be disruptive” to Dog Ordinance

Unoccupied buildings need to be safe – structures should be kept in accordance with Public Safety Standards. (Look at Montpelier & Barre “Safety Standards” for examples)

Apartment buildings and multi-family dwellings should be kept in accordance with State Standards for Multi-unit Housing – (plumbing, electrical & fire standards).

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Rich T. Businesses: Businesses should not be a hazard to Patrons
Consequences? Yes or No? What should they be?

(Ask Sue to dig up Model policies of similar sized towns.)

Need to find a format for Downtown Ordinance.

Pam DeAndrea had mentioned at the last meeting that “you could look up Calais and Plainfield on their websites.” She also noted that they (CVRPC) have four (4) Consulting Companies that are pre-qualified.

Horace D. I have a question in the Minutes about changing the Connecticut River to the White River. I'll make the Motion to change – Rich 2nd. Matt & Jasmin abstained.

Rich T. Other: Looked at the New Hazard Mitigation Map and Hazard Analysis Map – Village. I will ask Bonnie if Maps need to be formally approved.

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

Matt R. I'll make the Motion to adjourn – 2nd by Jasmin - - all in favor.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:28 P.M.

Next Meeting is for: October 09, 2019 - - 7:00 P.M.
