

WILLIAMSTOWN PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

MEETING HELD ON: June 9, 2021

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PRESENT: Rich Turner, CH, Susan Lyons, Horace Duke, David Traczyk, Jasmin Couillard

The Meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. at the Town Office.

We all met earlier at 6:30 p.m. at David Traczyk's place to look over the pond and dam located on his property. (Note: Great design! The dam is built with granite blocks across the front and down the sides of the brook with a 3 foot cement wall in front of the granite blocks. It has a "sluice box" set in the middle for run-off.)

Agenda: Motion to approve the Minutes from May 12, 2021 as amended, made by Jasmin C., 2nd by Horace D. All approved.

New Business:

Rich T. Question for Dave – is the Meadow Brook Dam the name that you would like to change it to? (Known now as the Rouleau Dam.)

David T. Yes, we would like to change the name. How do we go about it?

Horace D. Check with the State Library.
Correction in spelling in the May minutes. (Noted and changed.)

Rich T. Looking over the Vacant Building Ordinance that the SB has been working on. Any comments?

David T. It looks good but one concern I have is that I feel that it should be more than one person to enforce this ordinance.

Discussion followed - - having maybe three people so it shows no bias or conflict-of-interest. Someone from the Fire Dept, Health Officer, a Contractor. (Matt Rouleau volunteered) More discussion followed regarding enforcement of the ordinance. Possibly having to put a lien on the property to make sure that any fees and or penalties are paid.

Rich T. CVRPC Minutes from June 8th were handed out. Clare Rock spoke on "Tools & Resources for Complying with Act 171, Forest Integrity. We will need to up-date this in our Town Plan. I'll pull a check list for us to use as we work to up-date our Town Plan. I also have copies of the minutes on the Transportation Advisory Committee meeting held on May 25th.

Rich T. School Safety/Sidewalk - - Discussion followed.

Horace D. Several roads in town need to be looked at by someone with expertise.
A State Agency Technician. Some things that need to be looked at are the guardrails, some are too short, some areas that need them – some corners too sharp, etc.

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Horace D. Brook Street is the State’s responsibility. - - A District Transportation Administrator would be the person to start with. If we ask for his assistance, he would send a Technician first, then a report would need to be done and then the Selectboard would be involved.

David T. Who talks to him first?

Horace D. The Selectboard would need to.

Rich T. We could also start with the Road Foreman and ask him for a list.

Susan L. This would need to go through the Town Mgr., Jackie H.

Jasmin C. This could be put on the SB Agenda.

Rich T. I can talk to Jackie first.

Question of the Sidewalk - -when was it started?

Horace D. I believe that it was a program called - Safe Pathways to School - - it was maybe 5-6 years ago. There were grants available at the time although I don’t believe that we ever received one. The Town moved the road at the time and took a part of my property.

Susan L. There is a bad spot at the 4 corners on Construction Hill that doesn’t ever seem to be fixed. Could this be fixed the same time as the sidewalk? I can ask Jackie about the above project and see what plans and information is available.

Rich T. There will be an on-line meeting on Thursday, June 17th from 9:30 to noon on New Tree Law Training and shade tree preservation.
Up-date on the Emerald Ashe Borer – they are in the flight season now.
Also – I received an e-mail from Pam DeAndrea regarding the Storm Water Mgmt. Plan that does have funding and it’s good for Williamstown.

Old/Other Business:

Rich T. Any other Business to discuss?

Susan L. Clayton Woodworth is interested in joining the Planning Commission.

Rich T. Yes – I have spoken with him and told him that we would need a letter of interest to present to the Selectboard and he has agreed.

Horace D. I will make the Motion to adjourn – 2nd by Jasmin C.
Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Next Meeting is for: July 14, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.

