

WILLIAMSTOWN PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

MEETING HELD ON: July 13, 2022

Minutes - - (DRAFT COPY)

PRESENT: Rich Turner, CH, David Traczyk, Susan Lyons, Horace Duke, Jasmin Couillard
GUEST: Michele Braun, Executive Director of Friends of the Winooski

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Office.

New Business:

- Rich T. I want to welcome our guest tonight - Michele Braun, Executive Director of Friends of the Winooski. She will be giving us a presentation about culverts that have been identified in Williamstown that present a barrier to aquatic organism passage. Michele has been working with Winooski Natural Resource Conservation District and with Vermont Fish and Wildlife identifying high priority culverts in the Winooski Basin. The Friends of the Winooski have a cooperative agreement with US FWS with funds for culvert upgrades (improvement or replacement). She will discuss those culverts identified and ask if we can choose one that we might be able to move forward with, and forward to the Selectboard for approval. If approved, the first step would be Fish and Wildlife hiring an engineering firm to design the new structure.
- Michele B. Thank you for having me - - I have some maps to show everyone. We have identified (4) four that we feel should be a top priority. The #1 priority would be the Menard Crossing culvert and that is on Town owned property. The culvert pipe is rusting, sagging and is under-sized. There are three (3) more on South Hill Road, (1) one is on the Covey property and I/we have spoken with Janice Covey. There are two more close by – one is on Town property and the other is on private property, both are in the woods.
If you have one culvert in particular that you would like to consider having replaced or upgraded, please let us know. I can put together a document showing the ones most in need. There are several steps to take to determine what might be available for funding.
Some of the other culverts we have looked at are located on the Graniteville Road (2 there); Winchester Hill Road (2 there); Gilbert & McGlynn Road (1 there).
Discussion followed - - the last site visit on these culverts was done in 2019 and because the Town might have done some work on some of culverts since then we would need to check with the Town Manager. We should also check with the Town Manager to see if the ones mentioned above might be on the Town list to be replaced or fixed.
- Rich T. Thank you Michele for taking the time to come to our meeting and going over this with us.
- Rich T. O.K. – it's 7:35 - let's look over the May 11th Minutes. Do I have a Motion?
- Jasmin C. I'll make the Motion to approve the Minutes as written. 2nd by Horace Duke. All approved.
- Rich T. I have some hand-outs for everyone to look over from the Central VT Regional Planning Commission on Guides & Standards for Municipal Plan Approval in order to update our Town Plan. Also, some VT Statutes on Municipal and Regional Planning and Development to look over.

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Old/New Business:

Rich T. I'm going to try and get either Clare Rock or Bonnie to come to our August Meeting to help us get started on our Town Plan.

Any other Business to discuss? None - -

Horace D. I will make the Motion to adjourn – 2nd by Jasmin C.
Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Next Meeting is for: August 10, 2022 – 7:00 P.M.
