

WILLIAMSTOWN PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

MEETING HELD ON: April 12, 2023

Minutes - - (DRAFT COPY)

PRESENT: Rich Turner, CH, David Traczyk, Horace Duke, Jasmin Couillard, Rama Schneider

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

Motion made to accept the Minutes from March 8, 2023 as written, made by Dave T. and 2nd by Horace Duke. Motion passes.

New Business:

Rich T. Welcome Rama, new member, and updated him on a few things we have been working on.

Rama S. I'm here to be a grunt, very comfortable working with Laws & Regulations.

Rich T. Spoke on the updated Village Center Designation Area which needs to be brought to the Selectboard by May 1st and this is to include the Veteran's Memorial Park. This needs to go to the State by May 22nd.

There are Historic tax credits available in the Village Center Designation Area for local businesses.

If the application lapses after 6 months, we must submit a new application rather than a renewal.

Dave T. Great meeting with Clare Rock, a lot of information given.

Rich T. Gave updates on CVRPC meetings. Sam Lash (Municipal Regional Energy) Health Equity - - Food Security - - Planning tool kit. Energy Resilience - - Grant programs I'll put a packet together for Horace about Health Equity by-laws or plans. Will also send links out.

Energy Assessment - - Construction & Retrofits for energy efficiency - - up to \$500,000 available. \$4,000 can be used for grant writing, etc.

I'll ask Sam Lash to see if can join us for our June meeting.

Discussion also on - - VLCT Grant program; Connectivity & food assets; Energy piece needs to be added to the Town Plan.

Legislative up-date: Karen Horn VLCT. Bill #H493 Capitol Bills, pretty much resolved.

Bill #S100 – Housing Law – still being talked out

Bill H60 – goes with House Energy Environment Committee

Transportation bill - - Continue electrifying fleet mileage fee for EV's.

Transportation Advisory Committee: Presentation by Amanda Carlson. Community rides Program w/Capstone on Demand service for low-income folks. They will be using EV's.

They also provide Uber like services for people who can afford it. This starts in June.

Williamstown is within the service area.

Bike/Pedestrian Grants – for sidewalks. Grant money available for initial planning/scoping. Due June.

Municipal Plan - - Approval Guide given out - - go through when we have time.

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Discussion: Regional Planning Committee: Things we need to make sure we have for our Town Plan – (State Regulations.)
Several areas that are new that will need to be added.
Rich gave out the Municipal Plan that CVRPC uses - - (Go to Documents for State)

Rama S. With our Planning, we don't have local Zoning Ordinances but we do have State Regs. What is the link between the Town Plan and the State Municipal Plan? And CVRPC?

Discussion: Things that need updating on our Town Plan based on guidelines from the State Statues. (Wildlife Corridors, etc.)
Updated Rama on the Storm Water Master Plan.
Other: Fundamentals of Land Use Planning
Dylan's Rule - - discussion followed
Roles & Responsibilities for the Planning Commission
Implementing Municipal Plans
Staying Connected Initiative - - 15 agencies & groups; Williamstown/Brookfield

Issues: Michele Braun – Friends of Winooski - - Looked at culverts – priority projects.
Will be joining us for our May meeting.

Rama S. The planning process - - does it involve school districts as part of the process?

Dave T. No

Old/New Business:

Rich T. Anything else to discuss? Nothing.

Jasmin C. I will make the Motion to adjourn – 2nd by Horace D.
Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Next Meeting: Wednesday May 10, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.

