

**HYDE PARK
TOWN PLANNING COMMISSION**

MINUTES

February 3, 2016

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Members Present: Bob Malbon, Vice-Chair; Vicki Emerson; Kevin Fitzgerald,
Members Absent: Greg Paus and Eric Williams
Staff: Ron Rodjenski, Town Administrator
Others: Taylar Foster, LCPC Planner; Tasha Wallis, LCPC Executive Director; Charlie
Aronovici, Village Planning Commissioner

Bob opened the meeting at 5:33 p.m.

1. **Welcome and Public Comment & Agenda Changes** – No changes to the agenda.
2. **Tasha Wallis** – Introduction of Tasha Wallis, new Executive Director at the Lamoille County Planning Commission. Tasha reported that she has met with the county's legislative bodies and now is meeting with planning commissioners. The commissioners welcomed her and thanked Taylar, who is leaving LCPC this month, for her past excellent service to the town.
3. **Taylor Foster** – Taylor handed out the LCPC consultation memo with an attached copy of the 2013 plan review, showing compliance with state laws and the regional plan. The same type of review will need to be done prior to or after the 2017 Plan is drafted. One potential time for the review was after the planning commission finished the draft but before sending the legislative body for adoption. A new required goal in the town plan is the flood resiliency chapter, which is one of 14 goals that should be in all municipal plans, per 24 VSA 4302 and 4382. Taylor asked about any training needs on planning issues that the commissioners might be interested in receiving from LCPC. Bob thought that helping the town stay current with any new state mandates on water quality under Act 64 would be appreciated. Tasha offered that LCPC Planner Rob Moore could attend a future meeting on that topic. Tasha noted that the Town LCPC Representative is now vacant. Taylor noted that LCPC considered having a regional flood management effort to help lower flood insurance premiums on a county level, but that effort has stalled. The Commission thanked Tasha and Taylor for attending and advised that the town will continue to take advantage of LCPC services.
4. **Certified Local Government** – Kevin reported that he now understands that the designation process would not automatically result in a need to adopt restrictive preservation ordinances for the historic structures, even though he had been told that was a requirement with designation. Taylor stated that having the town plan goal highlighting preservation and having the new zoning with some design standards should be enough to satisfy CLG requirements, but she advised that more research should be done on the minimum requirements. Kevin read the Norwich ordinance which prevented their Preservation Commission from participating in land development permit reviews, although they could advise other boards or the public on historic preservation methods and objectives. Kevin will reach out to Morristown to see how they operate their Commission and report back at the next meeting.
5. **Green Mountain Byway** – Bob reported that he has gone to one meeting and will be attending another next week. He showed the commissioners a Byway map prepared for the Waterbury-Stowe area showing recreational and cultural sites. This type of map could be prepared for Morristown-Hyde Park in the future. Bob suggested that the benefit of being designated would primarily benefit the Village of Hyde Park, so it would be good if a village

representative attended the meetings. Charlie said he would bring that information to his trustees.

6. **Rutland Resolution** – The Board agreed with about 90 other towns that the Public Service Board should place more weight on municipal government comments on proposed wind and solar projects. Motion by Vicki to sign the resolution and forward to our state representative. Seconded by Kevin. Voting: 3 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
7. **2012 Plan Update** – The commission agreed that all five members should be present before reviewing the plan. Chapter one will be discussed in March.
8. **Minutes** – Motion by Kevin to approve the January 6, 2016 minutes, as written. Seconded by Vicki. Voting: 3 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
9. **Adjourn** - Motion by Kevin to adjourn at 7:02 p.m. Seconded by Vicki. So adjourned. The next meeting is March 2, 2016.

Respectfully submitted by Ron Rodjenski.