

HYDE PARK PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
June 6, 2012

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Members Present: Greg Paus, Chairman (GP), Dan Young (DY) and Vicki Emerson (VE)
Members Absent: Mark Isselhardt (MI), and) Rebecca Dennis (RD)
Staff: Ron Rodjenski, Town Administrator
Guests: Amanda Holland, LCPC (SM); Kate Whitehead, Lamoille Valley Fit and Healthy Council

GP opened the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes

Deferred 03/07/2012, 04/04/2012 and 05/02/2012 minutes until a quorum of those present available.

2. Kate Whitehead, Lamoille Fit and Healthy Council

Kate presented the results of their 2012 survey of the Hyde Park community with recommendations based on responses to the basic question of: How does community design support a healthy community? Recommendations presented: town plan should encourage mixed use development through zoning and tax credits investment in pedestrian amenities such as maintenance of surfaces, addition of benches, connection to open spaces and access to businesses; and development of an open space plan to guide private and public conservation efforts, including protection of farmland. Kate noted that some of the survey responses requested that the town consider making safety improvements to paths and parking areas in the more rural areas of town. Kate offered that the Council has some staffing and limited funding support to help Hyde Park implement recommendations. The commission will work on incorporating the recommendations into the draft town plan for adoption later this year. Kate advised that it would be good to prioritize the recommendations and then seek the assistance of the Council for implementation. The Commission agreed and will be in contact with Kate at a later date. Kate reported that the town's Smart Growth Score Card resulted in 90/129 points, which equates to a town "in transition". Amanda Holland noted that LCPC is working on a feasibility study to connect Stowe to Morristown and possibly the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail

3. Town Plan Adoption Process

Rodjenski offered that after the Planning Commission adopts a public hearing draft, there would be one public hearing with the PC and then two joint Trustee and Selectboard hearings. The Commission asked to add a statement into the draft the 2012 survey was completed by the Lamoille Fit and Healthy Council and those documents are on file in the town office. Rodjenski will make bring the local government paragraph from the Introduction section to Community Facilities.

4. Agency of Transportation 2013 Enhancement Grants

Rodjenski offered that a streetscape study of North Hyde Park Village would be useful in determining future capital investments in that area as well as providing private developers with direction on what the town would like to see in this area. Motion by VE, seconded by DY, to approve the submittal of the Letter of Intent for NHP Streetscape Study. Voting: 3 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.

5. Annual Emergency Operations Plan

Rodjenski submitted the newly adopted EOP for Hyde Park for the Commission to review.

6. 2013 State Planning Grant

Rodjenski reported that LCPC is able to assist the town with a rewrite of zoning regulations in 2013 should the 2013 MPG Planning grant be approved. Grant applications are due in September.

7. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Next Meeting: July 4, 2012 meeting is canceled so the PC will meet August 1.

Agenda: PC Public Hearing on Town Plan

Respectfully Submitted,
Ron Rodjenski, Town Administrator