

HYDE PARK PLANNING COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

March 6, 2013

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Members Present: Greg Paus, Chair (GP), Vicki Emerson (VE); Rebecca Dennis (RD); Mark Isselhardt (MI) and Dan Young (DY)
Members Absent: None
Staff: Ron Rodjenski, Town Administrator; Seth Jensen, LCPC Senior Planner
Guests: Jack Anderson, Village Trustee; Charlie Aronovici, Village Trustee; Harold Bailey and Valerie Valcour – Lamoille Fit & Healthy Committee

GP opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

1. **Welcome and Public Comment** – No public comment.
2. **Historic Preservation Committee** – Harold Bailey expressed the Historical Society's interest in holding a presentation by teachers in 2013 on school history and with the Valley House purchase voted down at yesterday's town meeting, the Society will continue its work on the improvements to the Grange Hall, holding their annual events and reaching out to school age children. Appointing a subcommittee on historic preservation was discussed and Harold thought that seeking new energy from residents on this topic to work along with the existing Society membership was a good idea. Rodjenski provided information on an open committee structure to be made up of the commissioners and residents in the beginning. The PC agreed to add a regular agenda item to review and be updated on historic preservation issues, such as the historic structures inventory done in the 1990's. The Commission will have final say on any projects moving forward with town costs approved by the Selectboard. Valerie Valcour suggested that if a resident didn't want to participate in regular committee meetings the town could also set up a friends of historic preservation network that could be called upon to help on specific projects. Motion by VE to form a subcommittee on historic preservation that would work under the planning commission. Seconded by RD. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed. GP noted that the new Town Energy Committee will be setting its meeting schedule soon.
3. **New Grant - Livability Solutions** – This US EPA grant will provide technical assistance for the zoning revisions and the revitalization effort in the village. There is a special planning commission meeting on March 20, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. to plan the workshops on March 25 and 26 to be conducted by technical assistance experts from the Project for Public Spaces. Responsibilities were assigned to help get the word out.
4. **Lamoille Valley Rail Trail** – GP reported that the Hyde Park trailhead is located on or near a potential brownfields site; the Page tannery, the Manosh asbestos shed and use as a railway siding. There are more permitting and legal issues that need to be addressed in Hyde Park compared to the other four county sites. The Commission felt that the Depot Street Extension site is still preferred because it is closest to Main Street for trail users. Bonnie at LCPC is working through VTrans administration to see if there is any ability for a lease without the environmental liability put onto the town.
5. **Manosh Tower** – GP noted that Howard Manosh is pursuing a new tower on his land in Garfield but the new zoning provisions require collocation with existing towers. Rodjenski noted that an incomplete application was submitted recently. GP asked that the PC be kept informed if the application moves forward.
6. **Zoning Re-write** – Seth Jensen, Senior Planner LCPC reviewed the sign revisions and a village standards summary memo dated March 6, 2013. Sign standards were discussed and a new Village Sign District will be developed for review.
7. **Minutes** from February 5, 2013. Deferred to April.
8. **Adjourn** - The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Ron Rodjenski