

HYDE PARK PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
October 2, 2013

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Members Present: Greg Paus, Chair (GP); Vicki Emerson (VE) and Kevin Fitzgerald (KF)
Members Absent: Dan Young (DY)
Staff: Ron Rodjenski, Town Administrator (RR)
Guests: Jack Anderson, Village Trustee

GP opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

1. **Welcome and Public Comment** – GP reported that the side judges at the Lamoille County Court House have approved the construction of a pocket park on the south side of the sidewalk, on the front lawn of the Sheriff's building, and directly across from the library. The next step is to complete the design work and link the construction to the Depot Street sidewalk construction which is planned to start in April 2014. Jack Anderson suggested contacting the Hyde Park Community Circle as they could be interested in fundraising for benches or other items.
2. **Manosh Solar Array – Public Service Board (PSB) Application** – In response to the Commission's 08/21/2013 letter to the PSB, the Commission received and reviewed two subsequent letters: the 09/20/2013 letter from AllEarth Renewables and the PSB's Memorandum dated 09/27/2013. The PSB has advised that the next steps in the Manosh Certificate of Public Good process will be to provide notice to interested parties that the solar array is being relocated from the northeast corner of Garfield Road and McFarlane Road intersection to the Manosh gravel pit on the south side of McFarlane Road. When the new notice is received, GP will review the notice to see if the Commission should provide additional comments to the PSB.
3. **Historic Preservation Subcommittee** – RR asked what the subcommittee's priority should be in updating the 1980's historic sites inventory. KF was appointed to the subcommittee after expressing his personal and professional interest in this area. The Commission would like to see an update of the Main Street buildings between Johnson Street Extension and Depot Street.
4. **Flood Insurance Video** – The Commission watched a video of a public meeting in Richmond held last month. In the video, Ned Swanberg, Vermont Flood Hazard Mapping Coordinator and Rebecca Pfeiffer, Vermont Floodplain Manager/Assistant NFIP Coordinator provided an overview of the federal flood insurance program and the projected steep rate increases for pre-Firm map structures. The Commission will be updating Hyde Park's flood bylaw as part of the current work being done with the regional planning commission to create a new Unified Development Code.
5. **Hyde Park Conservation Commission** – RR noted that the Johnson Conservation Commission seems to be very active and asked if Hyde Park had previously explored the creation of Conservation Commission, forming a CC requires a town vote at Town Meeting. GP said no, however, if there were two or three residents interested in the topic maybe they could be on an advisory committee to further gauge public interest. The Commissioners will individually contact residents they think might be interested in the exploring the creation of a CC and then report back to the Commission at a later date.
6. **Approve Minutes** – 09-04-2013 minutes deferred.
7. **Adjourn** - The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Ron Rodjenski