



07 October 2015

Green Mountain Byway Steering Committee
c/o Taylor Foster
Lamoille County Planning Commission
Morrisville, VT 05661

VIA Email

Re: Hyde Park Green Mountain Byway Participation

Dear Steering Committee:

The Town of Hyde Park supports the National Scenic Byways Program and wished to be added to the Green Mountain Byway as a participating community. The extension of the Green Mountain Byway from Waterbury & Stowe through Morristown & Hyde Park is a logical extension providing travelers with a significant opportunity to experience our many natural, historical and cultural amenities.

The 2012 Hyde Park Town and Village Comprehensive Plan states: *"Together with multi-modal and recreation trails, scenic highways also represent a tourism and leisure amenity in Hyde Park and elsewhere throughout the region. Vermont Route 100 is a renowned fall foliage drive and several other local highways offer breathtaking views of the Green Mountains throughout the year. These highways provide visitors with a window into the community and promote Hyde Park's scenic and historic character."*

The Commission will be encouraging the Hyde Park Selectboard and the Village of Hyde Park Board of Trustees to provide you with similar letters of support for designation of VT100 as part of the Green Mountain Byway.

Please let us know if there is anything that the Hyde Park Town Planning Commission can do to facilitate the designation process. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Greg Paus, Chair
Hyde Park Town Planning Commission

Cc: David Gagnier, Selectboard Chair
Riki French, Board of Trustees Chair

"Byway"

HYDE PARK
TOWN PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES
October 7, 2015

All minutes are draft until approved by the planning commission;
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Members Present: Greg Paus, Chair (6:30 p.m.); Bob Malbon, Vice-Chair; Kevin Fitzgerald, and Eric Williams
Members Absent: Vicki Emerson
Staff: Ron Rodjenski, Zoning Administrator
Others: None

Bob opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

1. **Welcome and Public Comment.** No public comment and one change to the agenda – add green Mountain Byway designation for VT 100.
2. **Certified Local Government – Draft Letter to Selectboard.** Kevin presented a draft letter to encourage the town to pursue designation which if approved, would open up new grant sources for local projects such as historic sites inventory. Kevin reported that the current historic sites committee could be the local entity to operate under the CLG requirements and the town would also need to formally develop a relationship with an historic preservation consultant. Creation of local legislation to protect significant historic properties, maintenance of an inventory and public participation in any activities are also requirements of a CLG. Typical grant awards for CLG projects are in the range of \$5,000 to \$10,000. Kevin confirmed that the preservation ordinance and future restrictions on the type of exterior, typically just the façade facing the public street, would only apply to a property with owner's consent. Bob stated that protected buildings do have increased value and higher maintenance costs and do preserve the character of an area. Motion by Bob to approve the CLG letter and have Greg sign the letter to be delivered to the Selectboard. Seconded by Eric. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
3. **Review minutes from September 2, 2015 – Motion by Kevin to approve the September 2, 2015 minutes, as written. Seconded by Bob. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.**
4. **Other Business - Green Mountain Byway Designation** – The planning commission reviewed information from the regional planning staff and felt that there were no negatives to seeking designation of VT 100 in Hyde Park as an extension of Green Mountain Byway. Designation also opens up tourism and marketing resources for the area. Motion by Bob to support the designation of VT 100 in Hyde Park as part of the Green Mountain Byway and authorize Greg to sign a letter to that effect also recommending that the Selectboard and Village Trustees also send a letter supporting designation of VT 100 as part of the Green Mountain Byway. Seconded by Eric. Voting: 3 in favor, 1 abstention (Eric due to need for more information), 0 against, motion passed. **Hyde Park Connectivity** project – Greg reported that he provided comment to the town's consultant recommending creating a crossing of Route 15 at Black Farm Road. Ron noted that an alternatives presentation is being prepared for the Selectboard meeting on Nov 12th. **North Hyde Park Streetscape** – the alternatives presentation meeting is next Thursday, October 15 at 7:00 p.m. at the NHP fire station on VT 100. **LVRT** - The trailhead project received no objection at the project's conditional use hearing last night before the DRB. **Pocket Park on Main St** – Greg will reach out to David Williams for an update on the possible contractor. **2015 Zoning** – Greg asked about the Selectboard's progress on the review of the July 1, 2015 zoning bylaw. Ron reported that the Selectboard ran out of time to review the document at their September meeting but it is on their agenda tomorrow night.
5. **Adjourn - Motion by Kevin to adjourn at 6:45 p.m., seconded by Bob, so adjourned.** The next meeting is November 4, 2015.

Respectfully submitted by Ron Rodjenski