

**HYDE PARK
TOWN PLANNING COMMISSION**

**MINUTES
March 2, 2016**

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Members Present: Greg Paus, Chair; Bob Malbon, Vice-Chair; Eric Williams
Members Absent: Vicki Emerson; Kevin Fitzgerald
Staff: Ron Rodjenski, Town Administrator
Others: None

Greg opened the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

1. **Welcome and Public Comment & Agenda Changes** – No changes to the agenda.
2. **Green Mountain Byway Committee** – Bob reported that both Charlie Aronovici and Bob attended the Byway meeting in February and becoming involved with the Route 100 effort will bring state tourism and marketing resources to the town and village, noting that this is a long term effort. Money exists for signage and creating tourism maps. The next Byway meeting is in April.
3. **Certified Local Government** designation deferred to April.
4. **2012 Town & Village Comprehensive Development Plan**
 - a. McMahon Chevrolet – The Commission reviewed the draft Act 250 permit sent to interested parties today notifying parties they have 30-days to comment. Greg stated that it appeared the project was going to be issued an administrative permit with construction starting soon. A short discussion about clearly stating community goals in the final
 - b. Proposed Revisions to Chapter 1 – Community Profile – Demographic data was seen as still current but will be verified later in the calendar year.
 - c. Proposed Revisions to Chapter 2 – No significant changes since 2012. No corrections except to add the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail and new VTNG in North Hyde Park to page 21. On page 20 add SHASH to community services that is now assisting seniors stating their homes. Eric suggested that the plan should set a goal for reducing property taxes and not adding more tax exempt parcels to the town or village roles.
 - d. Discuss zoning updates for solar and other energy projects regarding screening standards and CPG Applications. Greg reviewed some proposed language for the new zoning to establish screening standards for energy projects to give the town a say in future projects. Motion by Bob to authorize Greg Paus to send a letter to the Selectboard asking that the draft solar screening provisions be considered for inclusion in the zoning bylaw by the Selectboard. Seconded by Eric. Voting: 3 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
5. **Other Business** – Greg noted that the UVM Extension Service's Town Officers' Training is April 20 at Stoweflake Inn and interested members should contact Ron by next Wednesday.
6. **Minutes** – Deferred review of 02/03/16 minutes until April due to lack of a quorum present from the February meeting.
7. **Adjourn** - Motion by Bob to adjourn at 6:42 p.m. Seconded by Eric. So adjourned.

The next meeting is April 6, 2016.

Respectfully submitted by Ron Rodjenski.