

HYDE PARK PLANNING COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 4, 2012

*All minutes are draft until approved by the planning commission; please check future minutes for the approval of these minutes.*

Members Present: Greg Paus, Chairman (GP), Dan Young (DY), Rebecca Dennis (RD), and Vicki Emerson (VE), Mark Isselhardt (MI)  
Members Absent: None  
Staff: Ron Rodjenski, Town Administrator  
Guests: Steve Munroe, LCPC (SM); John Anderson, VHP Trustee; Frederika French, VHP Trustee; Dave DiDomenico, VHP Trustee

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GP called to order the meeting at 7:02 PM.

1. Approval of Minutes

Motion by VE to approve the minutes of 09/07/2011, as written. Seconded by DY. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstained (Mark), motion passed. Motion by DY to approve the minutes of 11/16/2011, as written. Seconded by VE. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstained (Mark), motion passed. Motion by RD to approve the minutes of 12/07/2011, as written. Seconded by VE. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstained (Mark), motion passed.

2. Second Worksession for drafting of 2012-2017 Comprehensive Town and Village Plan

Steve Munroe opened the discussion on the education and housing chapters and the Commission and Trustees corrected factual information and suggested other revisions for inclusion in the draft. The trustees offered that more business development would be good for the town and we could encourage additional residential within the existing village which has existing services. The costs of growth throughout Hyde Park, and other Vermont towns, due to terrain and scattered development patterns, reduces the options for economies of scale which results in higher taxes to meet service needs. Regional services do exist but efforts to increase other regional services, such as county government, have not been aggressively pursued. Steve will prepare new drafts for the Energy and Resources chapters for the commission's meeting in February. The final two work sessions will be "Utilities and Facilities" and then "Land Use and Implementation".

3. Adjourn

DY moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM. All were in favor.

Next Meeting: FEBRUARY 1, 2012

Agenda: Steve will present an overview of process to-date with two more draft chapters for the Trustees and planning commission to review.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ron Rodjenski, Town Administrator