

HYDE PARK PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

November 16, 2011

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Members Present: Greg Paus, Chairman (GP), Rebecca Dennis (RB), and Vicki Emerson (VE)
Members Absent: Mark Isselhardt (MI) and Dan Young (DY)
Staff: Ron Rodjenski, Town Administrator
Guests: Steve Munroe, LCPC

GP called to order the meeting at 7:10 PM.

1. 2012-2017 Comprehensive Plan – Discuss process to combine both town plans
Steve Munroe, Lamoille County Planning Commission was present to review the adoption process for a comprehensive town plan to guide both the Village and Town under one document. The Village has secured a \$7,370 municipal planning grant (MPG) to support this effort. Steve suggested that the planning commission start with the recently approved 2011 Town Plan and then incorporate the village plan components. Steve handed out a memo showing the elements already identified by trustees through the MPG application, such as, new maps, importance of the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail, Section 248 goals on energy and the new complete streets initiative. Public meetings will be held in December and March with a goal of adoption by the Trustees and Selectboard by June 2012. Steve is looking at the applicability of Act 250 criterion #10 to make sure that the new plan will be clear when applied to projects such the Union Bank proposal in Cambridge which was recently denied under Criterion 10, Compliance with Town Plan. Steve felt even though the Town Plan was just adopted, a second review is a good thing as new topics may be looked before the end of the normal 5-year cycle, which doesn't happen very often. The PC felt that the combining of the village and zoning bylaw would need further discussion by the both the Trustees and Selectboard, but overall it seems to make sense to combine the two bylaws and include the existing village districts within a good set of overall bylaws. A letter was received from Lamoille Valley Fit and Healthy Council, dated November 14, 2011, recommending that a Wellness Plan is a progressive idea that does match well with pedestrian friendly initiatives and overall community wellness. The commission objected to adding a town plan goal that a new town committee be formed, as it seemed excessive for our town, however the overall objectives of community wellness could be included within the plan. A wellness section could be added to the draft for public review. Steve will continue to work with town staff to publicize and hold the kick-off meeting and then LCPC will send the commission 2 or 3 chapters of the plan for each PC meeting until a final draft is completed.
2. Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) Draft – Steve presented a draft of the Hyde Park Local Hazard Mitigation Plan for review by the Commission which was updated recently based on FEMA comments received this past August. The commission reviewed the changes. Steve reported that an adopted plan is required to be eligible for FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Steve will send to FEMA and they will review the new draft and then send back an approved draft which is contingent on legislative body adoption. FEMA has determined that the Selectboard is the legislative body to approve the LHMP for both the Village and Town.
3. Interim Bylaws - GP reported that he attended the Selectboard hearing on October 10th to see if the proposed interim zoning bylaws could be adopted which would have deleted the Clustered Lots provision and added some clarifying language. GP informed the PC that the SB did not approve the interim bylaws so no changes were made to the 2009 town zoning bylaw.
4. Approval of Minutes – September 7, 2011 and tonight's minutes will be reviewed in December.
5. Other Business – The PC asked for copies of Development Review Board minutes via email.
6. Adjourn - VE moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ron Rodjenski, Town Administrator