

HYDE PARK PLANNING COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
August 5, 2009

Members Present: Greg Paus (GP), Mark Isselhardt (MI), Dan Young (DY), Paul Clancy (PC)

Absent: Duff Robitille (DR), Vicki Emerson (VE), Kevin Fitzgerald (KF)

Guests: Ron Kelley, Philip Etter, Sue Premo, Bill Bartlett, Deanna Judkins, Milford Cushman

First Order of Business – The commission reviewed the previous meeting minutes. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as amended. All were in favor.

Second Order of Business – The Friends of Zack Woods Pond presented their plans to purchase 150+ acres surrounding the pond through the Forest Legacy Project and requested a letter of support from the Planning Commission. The Commission agreed to provide a letter identifying how the project complies with the Town Plan.

Third Order of Business – The Town Administrator provided an update on the Rail/Trail Corridor. Although the Act 250 Coordinators determined the project was exempt, there has been some erroneous filing for reconsideration by property owners in the Hardwick/St. Johnsbury area that needs to be resolved before the project can move forward. Sherrie Smecker at Forest & Parks has indicated that due to extenuating circumstances the grant could be extended until the matter is resolved.

Fourth Order of Business – GP shared that the Town Plan is due to be updated in 2010. He has asked LCPC to apply for grant funding to assist with the update.

Fifth Order of Business – MI gave an update on the Village sidewalk project. The Trustees have submitted an application for Categorical Exemption to the State. The next step in the process will be acquiring rights of way from property owners along the project route.

Sixth Order of Business – The Town Administrator gave a brief overview of economic activities on Main Street.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julia J. Compagna  
Town Administrator