

**HYDE PARK
TOWN PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
September 19, 2016**

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Members Present: Greg Paus, Chairman; Bob Malbon, Vice-Chair; Vicki Emerson; and Eric Williams

Members Absent: One vacancy

Staff: Ron Rodjenski, Town Administrator; Pam DeAndrea, LCPC Staff

Guests: Susan Bartlett, Ken McPherson, Jim Fontaine, Lucy Hankinson, Dan Young

Greg called the meeting to order at 5:52 P.M.

1. **Welcome, Modifications to Agenda and Public Comment.** No changes to the agenda were made and no public comment was received.
2. **Pam DeAndrea, LCPC – Watershed Issues.** Pam explained that the watershed plan for our area is being developed now, noting that the biggest component will be for towns to identify specific projects to help clean up the Lake Champlain basin from phosphorus loading. Project results will be reported to the USEPA to show successes in improving water quality. Regional planning has the role of reaching out to towns to review the development of the watershed plans; formal name is the Tactical Basin Plan. A project list in the Plan is drafted that includes three projects, to be managed by the State, that are located in Hyde Park; Centerville Brook monitoring, Green River fish sampling, and Mud Pond monitoring, at no cost to the town. Working with the regional planning commission, grant funds would be available for a stormwater master planning and high risk road erosion sites; both requiring some town match. Hyde Park projects will need to be in the future tactical basin plan in order to be considered for future eco-system restoration grant funds. The recent Depot Street project was funded under this program with a \$75,000 grant. The 2017 grant could fund a Village Stormwater Master Plan as issues along Main Street have already been identified. A new round of Eco-system grant applications, are due Oct 25th. Priority catchments to receive funding in Hyde Park are the Centerville Brook and Gihon River. Pam left a number of stormwater documents and the FY2017 grant application under the Clean Water Fund, noting that these planning efforts will support future mandates coming from new state rules, such as for stormwater and highway permits. Motion by Bob Malbon to seek funds to hire a state consultant to complete a stormwater master plan. Seconded by Vicki. Discussion: Greg supported the effort and Pam will make a presentation to the Selectboard at their October meeting. Bob asked about the budget and Pam said she would contact Kim Jensen at Lamoille County Conservation District. Eric asked why the state doesn't pursue these town projects for stormwater and Pam explained that the State is focused on overall basin planning and towns will have unique plans and their own priorities. Pam guessed the cost would be in the range of \$20,000 for a Main Street Stormwater Plan. Bob confirmed that if the projects are not in the stormwater plan or Tactical Basin Plan, then state grants to help the town comply with future rules would not be available, to which Pam confirmed that having a plan and identifying projects are in the town's best interest. Voting: 3 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstention (Eric stated he was not yet comfortable with this type of effort), motion passed.
3. **Water Quality Standards** – Pam handed out a 2-page summary of the new standards. The state has produced a 10-page summary of the changes, dated July 14, 2016, and Pam re-summarized that document to 2 pages. The state broke down the water classifications into five classifications; A1 (highest), A2, B1, B2 and Impaired (lowest). Pam noted the rules allow for one waterway to have two classifications; such as a high value for recreation but lower level for supporting organisms.
4. **Village Streets Working Group** – Ron reviewed the need to have a first meeting to organize. The group agreed to meet next Monday at 6:00 p.m. Ron will publish the first meeting.

5. **2012 Town & Village Plan:** Chapters 9, 10 & 11
 - a. Pg 72 – above historic settlements, add:
 - i. 2016 major renovation and addition to the Lamoille County Courthouse
 - ii. 2016 grand opening for Lamoille Valley Rail Trail
 - iii. 2016 Hyde Park Elementary School renovation bond
 - iv. The Second Congregational Church's date – Rebuilt in 1911
 - b. Pg 76 – Policies – add solar arrays to be carefully sited and screened
 - c. Pg 79-80 – change consolidation to separation of bylaws and add new bylaws to 2015 (Village) and 2016 (Town).
 - d. Pg 81 - Zack Woods is now part of the Green River State Park.
 - e. Pg 81 – The planned Morristown alternate truck route is completed.
 - f. Pg 81 – growth rates to be updated prior to delivery to public hearings

Ron noted that the Village Planning Commission met recently and discussed the plan but it was unclear what the discussion entailed. Greg Paus will follow up with Charlie Aronovici.

- 6. **Review the Minutes:** Motion by Vicki to approve the minutes from August 15, 2016, as written, seconded by Bob, motion passed.
- 7. **Other Business:**
 - a. **Roof Pitch** – Eric noted that the new zoning requirement for 8:12 roof pitch for North Hyde Park Village is impossible to meet for double-wide mobile homes. Eric noted that the existing structures along Heath Road are much less than 8:12 for most parcels. Greg agreed that the topic should be added to the list of items to be discussed in the next round of zoning amendments.
 - b. **Green Mountain Byway Committee:** Bob Malbon noted that since Morristown voted to leave the regional planning commission, the current effort to extend the Green Mountain Byway cannot proceed. Greg invited Bob and Charlie Aronovici to the next Lamoille County Chamber meeting to review the Byway effort.
 - c. **HPES Tree and Project** – Ron handed out a memo dated Sept 19th summarizing two recent meetings with school officials. One was a site visit regarding the removal of the sugar maple near the school and the second was a meeting with school architects regarding the highway access plans into the school parcel.
- 8. **Adjourn** – Motion by Vicki to adjourn, seconded by Bob, no objection, adjourned at 7:35 p.m.