

**HYDE PARK
TOWN PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
May 15, 2017**

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Members Present: Greg Paus, Chairman; Bob Malbon, Vice-Chair; Eric Williams; Zac Cota
Members Absent: Vicki Emerson
Staff: Ron Rodjenski
Guests: Meghan Rodier, LCPC Staff; Lea Kilvadyova, Healthy Lamoille Valley

Greg called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M

- 1) **Welcome, Modifications to Agenda and Public Comment.** No changes to the agenda were made and no public comment was received.
- 2) **Lea Kilvadyova** – Lea provided an overview of the Healthy Lamoille Valley goals to reach out to youth on substance abuse prevention and education. Healthy Lamoille Valley has recognized that there is a connection to drug prevention and locally adopted plans and ordinances. The Department of Health has provided some guidance to regional planning commissions to reach out to towns. Lea handed out the Planning for Prevention workbook printed in 2014. In addition to ordinances and policies, towns could encourage healthy outlets for youth to discourage use of drugs. Lea noted that some studies are showing that electronics are keeping kids home and not roaming around the neighborhood.
- 3) **Enhanced Energy Plan (“EEP”)** – Meghan presented the revised map for Renewable Energy Potential: Solar; with constraints shaded, dated February 2017 and Renewable Energy Potential: Wind, dated February 2017. Meghan reviewed the “Hyde Park: Analysis and Targets Data for Use in Enhance Energy Planning” and the Commission discussed goals and objectives for the new municipal plan. Examples to use in the new plan included encouraging installation of charging stations, possibly at the courthouse and high school. For public transit, establishing a bus route between Jeffersonville and Morristown with Village connection for walkers and a charging station at the stop. Promoting the rail trail for alternative modes of travel to add economic value to existing housing and encourage municipal investments in solar while encouraging private investments in solar for new projects. Policies that encourage weatherization programs to reach town targets to get to 90% renewable by 2050, through zoning handouts and the Town Energy Committee, should be a priority, then owners should invest in solar and heat pumps. The Enhanced Energy Plan components will be included in the new municipal plan.
- 4) **Minutes:** Motion by Bob to approve the March 20, 2017, seconded by Eric. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed. Motion by Bob to approve the April 17, 2017, seconded by Eric. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed. Remaining unapproved minutes are January and February 2017.
- 5) **Other Business**
 - a. Legislative Issues – The Commission discussed how to participate when VLCT alerts are published seeking town testimony in hours or the next day, with no time to meet. The Board will discuss this topic again next January.
 - b. 2017 Bike-Ped Applications are due July 14. Zac wanted to pursue and will meet with Ron for more information; possibly pursuing a RT 15 crossing grant.
 - c. North Hyde Park Village Center Designation – The application was submitted and next goes to the State Downtown Board for consideration in June; one or more commissioners should attend. The designation process should be completed by the end of June.
 - d. 2017 Spring Planning and Zoning Forum – Workshop is June 14th
 - e. The Village is holding a Local Concerns Meeting, also on June 14th, regarding modification to the intersection of Johnson St Extension and Main St. intersection.
 - f. Byway Meeting is May 25th and Bob will attend.
- 6) **Adjourn** – No further discussion - adjourned at 7:11 p.m.