

HYDE PARK
TOWN PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
August 27, 2018

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Members Present: Bob Malbon, Vice-Chair; Eric Williams, and Brian Jones
Members Absent: Vicki Emerson and Zac Cota
Staff: Ron Rodjenski, Town Administrator
Guests: Ryan Murphy, GIS Planner from Lamoille County Planning Commission (LCPC);
GMAVT did not videotape this meeting.

Bob 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) **FEMA Community Rating System (CRS) Study** – Ryan reviewed the purpose of the 2018 Municipal Planning Grant application due October 2nd. LCPC would study flood zone areas in Hyde Park that include land development that could benefit from designation of Hyde Park as a CRS Community. Ryan reported that 5% to 45% savings is possible in flood insurance premiums by participating in CRS, noting that Hyde Park has points earned by adopting regulations that require additional standards beyond basic level FEMA flood protection requirements. Ryan handed out the list of point-eligible activities that contribute to higher premium discounts; such as educational outreach, studies that are completed or would be completed by LCPC and increasing the zoning regulation review standards for protection of buildings from flooding. Eric asked why a town wouldn't pursue CRS participation, and Ryan stated there is a good amount of work to document what the town is doing. Ryan reported that Stowe has signed on and supports the grant application by LCPC. Bob asked about the grant scope and Ryan said it would be one grant with about \$20,000 worth of work for the towns with no local match as LCPC is providing the match. Ryan stated that he expected the final report to be issued within two years. Ryan stated that additional mapping work would show the flood hazard area limits containing E911 structures. The information would help show possible savings and educate landowners of the flood hazard boundary. Motion by Brian to sign the MPG18 resolution in support of the grant application to complete a CRS study with other Lamoille County towns. Seconded by Eric. Voting: 3 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
- 3) **Minutes:** Deferred until next meeting.
- 4) **Old and New Business:**
 - a. Next Agenda: Sept. 17th – Zoning amendments could be worked on with front yard waiver at the same time as the solar screening is discussed later this Fall or Winter. The next few meetings could be attending the Better Connections public events. The PC canceled Sept and will meet next in October.
- 5) **Adjourn** – Motion by Eric to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. no objection, so adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Ron Rodjenski