

**HYDE PARK
TOWN PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
April 8, 2019**

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Members Present: Bob Malbon, Brian Jones, Zac Cota, and Eric Williams
Members Absent: Vicki Emerson
Staff: Ron Rodjenski, Town Administrator
Guests: Ryan Demarest; GMAVT did not videotape this meeting.

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

- 1) Welcome, agenda changes – no changes to the agenda.
- 2) **Review of Minutes** – Motion by Zac to approve the 03/18/2019 minutes. Seconded by Brian. So voted.
- 3) **ANR Workshop – Forest Fragmentation.** Bob reported that he attended the workshop which focused on how to get involvement from residents and other town boards. The Commission discussed ways to engage the public, especially when reviewing zoning amendments. The slow to low growth is an issue in Hyde Park and the Commission discussed what could be encumbering new growth; possibly low growth is resulting from affordability or financing constraints, desire for strong community characteristics & amenities, and employment opportunities. Ryan suggested that proximity to central Lamoille/Morrisville is a plus and he moved here for a good agricultural soil compared to other land in North Central Vermont. Fiber optic lines and sewer could accelerate investment in commercial and add jobs. Tourism is one of the major economic drivers for the future and adding new factories are not going to be built. The Commission would like regional planning staff to visit at the next meeting to explore opportunities to build or expand sewer, water, fiber and other address other constraints to the redevelopment of North Hyde Park. Ron noted that the current Better Connections grant project will produce recommendations for revitalization of Main Street in the Village of Hyde Park later this year.
- 4) **Other Business** – Next meeting is Monday, May 13th at 5:30 p.m.
- 5) **Adjourn** – Motion by Eric to adjourn, seconded by Zac, no objection, meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Ron Rodjenski