



**Hyde Park, VT
Historic Sites Committee**

(a work committee of the Hyde Park Town Planning Commission)

MINUTES

Monday, August 12, 2019

Meeting Held at Gihon Valley Hall, 5503 VT100

Members: Monica Heath, Jim Heath, Liz Courtney; Allen Spitzer
Guests: Andy Race, Laura Race, Lindsay Reese, Dale Porter, Aaron McGee
Staff: Seth Jensen, Lamoille County Planning Commission

Update on next gatherings:

- Gihon Valley Hall clean up! This Sunday 8/18 at 10am
 - Open House final planning meeting: Next Monday 8/19 at 5:30pm at the Gihon Valley Hall
 - Open House event! Sunday 8/25 12-4pm
 - Next regular bi-monthly meeting: Monday 8/26 at 5:30pm at the Gihon Valley Hall
1. **Traffic Study Information** – 5:00 PM - Seth Jensen from Lamoille County Planning Commission met with Liz to discuss the **Municipal Planning Grant** application process. We discussed the benefit of applying as a consortium with the town of Eden as well as the town of Waterville. Eden's proximity to North Hyde Park makes our project of value to them, and Waterville has a similar historic town building with similar issues and challenges for which they are working to make a longer-term plan. If we apply together, we can increase the total value of the grant and avoid competing against one another for grant money. If we are awarded the grant, the end product of the planning process could have separate chapters for North Hyde Park and for Waterville, so each village has a useful document to guide our building-related projects moving forward. To help make our case, Seth recommends we gather letters of support from people in the community for the project and any other supporting evidence (i.e.: newspaper articles about the Grange hall project).
 2. **5:30pm – Bi-Monthly Meeting** - Dale, Monica, Jim and Al arrive.
 3. **MPG20 Planning Grant** - We agree as a committee that co-applying with Eden and Waterville is a good idea if it increases our chance of getting the grant money. Monica and Jim will attend the Eden select board meeting tomorrow 8/13 to let them know of our intent to apply for the grant and ask for their support. If they are on board they just need to sign a resolution saying so and give that to Seth at LCPC. Lindsay will begin working on grant application, due Oct 1. Liz will lead on gathering evidence -- letters of support, etc.

4. **Traffic Study** - Rob Moore, transportation planner from LCPC, joined to train us on how to conduct a traffic study to support our re-application to VTrans next spring for traffic calming measures in the North Hyde Park village. Ideally, we get several studies done at different locations and different times by volunteers from our group. We can also ask LCPC to conduct a study. Training and discussion wrapped around 6:40.

NEXT STEPS:

- Everyone who is able and interested, find 3 hrs. over the coming weeks/months to do a count. If you need a tally and observation form (supplied by LCPC), ask Ron or Liz.
 - Ron can formally request LCPC to do their own study as well.
 - Pass completed forms back to Ron and he will give to Rob.
5. **Roof** - Al hasn't had any luck getting other roofers to get back to us about doing the roof job this fall. The committee agreed that we'd be best planning for a spring 2020 repair and not spending money on any short of short-term fix.

NEXT STEPS: Agreed we should lock in dates with Dean for spring sooner rather than later.

6. **Open House Event** - We quickly touched on several items, including:
- **Water** - Al is in touch with Roger Audet about getting the water back on for the building ahead of the open house. Will aim to get this done this week. Roger needs to bring his metal detector. If we cannot get the water on, or we find there's any issue with the running water, we'll need to order Port-o-potties for the 25th.
 - **Signage** - Dale is taking care of signage for our event, working with David from Cutting Edge Graphics
 - **History Display** - Monica and Jim will gather some photos and newspaper clippings to have a 'history' table at the event
 - **Music** - Liz is looking for backup live music as Zeph's jazz trio is having scheduling challenges
 - **Cleanup** - It was decided we'll meet this Sunday for a clean up from 10am until about 12pm. Bring rags, mops, etc.
 - And with much more to do before the 23rd, we agreed to meet next Monday as well at 5:30 at the Gihon Valley Hall.
7. **Next Meeting:** Monday, August 19, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the Gihon Valley Hall. Discuss Open House.
8. **Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.