

**HYDE PARK
TOWN PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
December 16, 2019**

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Members Present: Eric Williams, Zac Cota, Bob Malbon, Vicki Emerson, Brian Jones
Members Absent: None
Staff: Ron Rodjenski, Town Administrator
Guests: No guests; GMATV did not videotape this meeting.

Bob opened the meeting at 5:32 p.m.

1. Zoning Amendments

Bob opened the public hearing which was continued from 12/09/2019. One addition to the amendments was submitted by staff after discussions with the high school regarding student safety. The school has been planning on an emergency access to Cricket Hill Road, but the access grade maximum in the current 2018 zoning bylaw has prevented that project from moving forward. The Commission felt that this waiver was similar to the existing driveway grade waiver provisions for the last 200-feet to a home and it was needed as a safety provision should the main access onto Route 15 be blocked. No additional changes were made to the noticed set of amendments. Motion by Zac to close the public hearing. Seconded by Eric. So voted. Motion by Vicki to approve the 2019 amendments with the emergency access provisions if approved by the fire chief. Seconded by Eric. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed. The amendments next move to the Selectboard for a public hearing in January.

2. New Gihon Valley Hall Committee

The Historic Sites Committee has seven members and they all have asked to become a part of a new committee under the Planning Commission – called the Gihon Valley Hall Committee focused on the grange hall building and North Hyde Park revitalization. The Historic Sites Committee, which was created to serve the historic preservation goals of the entire town would no longer meet, but if new volunteers are interested, could be restarted. The committee provided a new mission statement which was reviewed and accepted by the Commission. Motion by Eric to approve of the new subcommittee named the Gihon Valley Hall Committee reporting to the Town Planning Commission. Seconded by Vicki. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.

3. Minutes

The Commission review prior minutes. Motion by Vicki to approve the November 4, 2019 minutes as written. Seconded by Brian. So voted. Motion by Brian to approve the September 9, 2019 minutes as written. So voted.

4. Other Business

MPG20 – Ron reported that the \$25,000 planning project with Hyde Park, Eden and Waterville was approved by the State to study and recommend improvements for pedestrian safety in the three village areas crossed by state highways. The area of study in Hyde Park is North Hyde Park around the former Grange Hall, and pedestrian and parking are issues needing to be addressed by the newly formed Gihon Valley Hall Committee.

5. Adjourn

Motion by Eric to adjourn at 5:48 p.m., Seconded by Brian, So voted.

Respectfully submitted by Ron Rodjenski