

Townshend Planning Commission

Minutes
June 26, 2013

approved: 07/10/13

Present: Art Monette; John Evans; Susan LeCours; Stan Holt; Bob DeSiervo

In Attendance: David Dezendorf; Craig Hunt, recorder

- 1. Call to Order:** Monette called the meeting to Order at 7:16 P.M.
 - 2. Approval of Minutes:** Holt made a motion: **To approve the Planning Commission Minutes of June 12, 2013**, seconded by LeCours and carried by those present with one abstention.
 - 3. Correspondence:** Monette referenced receiving notice that the Town of Windham would be re-adopting its current Town Plan while drafting a new one. The Vermont Wastewater Division approved a new replacement septic design for Mark Morse. The Commission reviewed the draft Select Board meeting Minutes from June 17th.
 - 4. Members of the Public:** Dezendorf was welcomed but said that he was attending to see if a representative from the Windham Regional Commission would be consulting on the Flood Plain Ordinance.
 - 5. Reports: Fire Station Study Committee:** Evans reported that he hoped to have an update from Study Committee at the next meeting.
- Town Hall Renovations:** Hunt briefed members that Ingram Construction had been contracted for installation of the fire doors by the Select Board and would be assessing repair needs of the Town Hall porch in July. Discussion ensued about soliciting additional members for the Town Hall Renovations Committee.
- 6. Old Business: Flood Plain Ordinance:** Commissioners discussed at length plans to be advised by the Windham Regional Commission on the final draft of a Flood Plain Ordinance. Monette offered to speak with Dinah Reed and try to arrange for her to provide counsel.

Meeting Schedule: Following brief discussion, DeSiervo made a motion: **To have the Planning Commission meet only once a month in July and August, on July 10th and August 14th,** seconded by Holt and carried by those present.

7. New Business: Townshend Church: Evans began a discussion with Commissioners about a need to be better informed on the future of the Townshend Church and for the Town to actively assist in preserving it. Hunt was asked to arrange for a Church representative to attend either the July 10th or August 14th Planning Commission meeting.

VTrans Bike Path Grant: Commissioners reviewed and discussed with Dezendorf the opportunity to apply for a sidewalk construction grant. Given that the deadline for submitting the application is at the end of July and Townshend has no, “shovel ready,” projects, this offer was set aside.

R.E.D. Dezendorf briefed Commissioners on the nature and implications of the Rural Education District Study Committee’s proposed plan that was submitted to the Department of Education and the projected timeline for public hearings and a vote on this proposal.

8. Meeting Schedule: July 10, 2013 at 7:15 P.M.

9. Adjournment: Holt made a motion: **To adjourn at 8:25 P.M.,** carried by those present.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig K. Hunt