

Townshend Planning Commission

Draft Minutes

February 26, 2014

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

In Attendance: David Dezendorf; Craig Hunt, clerk

- 1. Call to Order:** Monette called the meeting to Order at 7:18 p.m.
- 2. Approval of Minutes:** Holt made a motion: **To approve the Minutes of February 12, 2014**, seconded by LeCours and carried by those present.
- 3. Members of the Public:** David Dezendorf was welcomed and briefed members of the Commission on changes in the State's regulations for reimbursing municipalities for emergency expenses. By October 14, 2014, Towns will have to adopt certain plans in order to maximize State relief.

Currently, the State will fund up to 7.50% of emergency costs that are approved. With adoption of a local emergency plan that meets State guidelines and includes training for government officials, emergency responders and managers, the State will reimburse up to 12.50%. With adoption of a river corridor protection plan, the reimbursement increases up to 17.50%.

Discussion ensued about the impact of State regulations and the requirements of certification - to be more thoroughly discussed at a later date. Monette wanted noted for the record that he believed DeSiervo to be certifiable.

- 4. Correspondence:** Monette reviewed Select Board Minutes from February 3, 2014, and acknowledged receipt of draft Town Plans from Newfane and Wardsboro.

5. Reports:

Fire Station Study Committee: Nothing at this time.

Invasive Insects: DeSiervo reported on plans to conduct an ash tree survey in Townshend along the Town right-of ways and indicated that local Scout troops may be willing to help in the task.

Traffic Calming Committee: Evans reported on meeting with WRC member Towns to discuss potential traffic calming measures on Route 30.

6. Old Business: Monette requested that Hunt schedule a Planning Commission meeting with representatives from The Townshend Church for discussing options for saving the historic structure.

A meeting with Dinah Reed, of the Windham Regional Commission, is tentatively scheduled for March 12th for reviewing draft language in the Townshend Flood Plain Construction Ordinance.

7. New Business: Discussion ensued about the need to begin reconsideration of a municipal septic system and potable water sources.

8. Meeting Schedule: March 12, 2014 at 7:15 P.M.

9. Adjournment: Holt made a motion: **To adjourn at 8:04 p.m.**, carried by those present.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig K. Hunt