

approved: 5/27/15

Townshend Planning Commission

Minutes

May 13, 2015

Present: Art Monette; Bob DeSiervo; Stan Holt, John Evans

1. **Call to Order:** Monette called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m.
2. **Approval of the Minutes:** Holt made a motion: **To approve the PC Minutes of February 11, 2015**, carried by those present. Holt made a motion: **To approve the PC Minutes of March 25, 2015**, carried by those present.
3. **Additions and Deletions:** None at this time.
4. **Members of the Public:** None at this time.
5. **Correspondence:** Monette acknowledged receipt of the notice by the Windham Regional Commission for approval of the Wardsboro Town Plan at a meeting scheduled for May 15, 2015. He read a grant application from V-Trans for the opportunity of studying municipal bicycle and pedestrian pathways and Act 250 applications from the Department of Environmental Conservation for wastewater systems at Hauptman's and VSG.
6. **Reports:** DeSiervo reported that he and Road Foreman, Bostrom, had re-flagged trees in the Town's rights-of-way along Grafton and Athen's roads preparatory to putting out a request for proposals to have them cut. He briefed Commission members about the continuing need for long-term planning on tree care and maintenance in Town.
7. **Old Business:** Commissioners discussed the proposed Hazard Mitigation Plan and the risks to the municipality of unregulated development. The Hazard Mitigation Plan is to be scrutinized more thoroughly at the next meeting on May 27th.
Evans reiterated a desire to have the Planning Commission work toward getting Route 35 widened between Grace Cottage Hospital and Valley Cares for pedestrian safety. Evans will talk with Road Foreman, Bostrom, about steps that might be taken to improve the present condition.
8. **New Business:** Evans briefed members on the potential for the development of Taft Meadows for both a new fire station and senior housing and urged the Commission to take the lead in planning. Lengthy discussion ensued pertaining to the history of proposals to relocate Town infrastructure onto Taft Meadows and the politics involved.

9. Meeting Schedule: May 27, 2015 @ 7:15 p.m.

10. Adjournment: Holt made a motion: **To adjourn at 8:25 p.m.**, carried by those present.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig K. Hunt