

Craftsbury Town Planning Commission

Thursday, November 21, 2013

7:00 pm Craftsbury Town Hall

Present: Farley Brown, Bob Alexander, Sharon Moffatt, Linda Wells, Tim Patterson, Susan Houston

Guest: Sung-Hee Chung

Absent: Dave Rowell, Tony Jones, Gordy Waterhouse

Approved Minutes of July 21, 2013 meeting

Village Center Designation (Act 59): Sung Hee gave an update on this. She met with NVDA and reports that the biggest challenge was updating the map for the Village Center. There have been changes on the Common. The application has been approved to this point. There are questions about the types of businesses which should be included in the designation...ie internet, airbnb. Susie suggested letting residents and businesses know about the designation and the advantages of having this, perhaps by putting it on the website.

Updating the Town Plan: The Town Plan needs to be completed by 2016. Subcommittee: Tim, Linda, Sung-Hee, Emily to talk about specific ideas around moving ahead with drafting an updated Town Plan.

Historic Places: Sung-Hee will meet with Dave Linck about the areas in town that are designated historic places.

Natural Heritage: The Commission needs to clarify 'state regs for maintaining water quality' in section 6.

Energy Section: We should specify our support for renewable energy (i.e. small scale).

Bob and Farley attended a workshop given by VNRC on conservation. Bob noted that there are several small towns, including Craftsbury, which do not have zoning.

Tim raised a concern brought up by a resident about getting a stop sign at the junction of the library road and the common loop. The matter will be raised with the select board.

Sung-Hee wondered about preserving the bulls-eye granite in the town as part of the town's heritage. There are apparently several places where this resource is highlighted.

Next meeting, January 2014, date TBA: Look at the last town survey. Refer back to minutes of June 18 for specific list of things the Commission wanted to address in our next survey. There was interest in discussing affordable housing issues, perhaps by inviting the Lamoille Housing Authority come address the Commission.

Subcommittee meeting December 10 at the library at 7:00 pm.

