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Planning Commission Minutes
October 19, 2022

Present at Town Hall:

Planning Commission: Farley Brown, David Rowell, Rudy Chase, Ross Davis, Lucas Schulz, Linda Ramsdell

Dayton Crites (DuBois & King) Alison Low (Northeastern Vermont Development Association) , Colin Netzley (Conservation Commission member)

Present via Zoom: Emily Lewis (DuBois & King)

Farley called the meeting to order at 7:02PM.

1. Approval of 9/21 minutes

Dave moved approval of the 9/21 minutes. Rudy seconded. Minutes approved unanimously.

2. Craftsbury Village Plan Public Input - Emily and Dayton

Emily shared draft results from the public engagement process to date (Block Party, Focus Groups, Public Survey). Planning Commission offered feedback which DuBois & King will incorporate for the upcoming public visioning session.

3. Planning for Craftsbury Village Plan Visioning session on November 16th

For the visioning session, DuBois & King will incorporate ideas from the public engagement process and their own expertise. At the visioning meeting there will be 5-6 stations with posters, diagrams and other graphics based on the big ideas that have emerged so far. The goal is to provide ideas for people to respond to. Planning Commission discussed which ideas to focus on at the meeting. Planning Commission and DuBois & King revised the schedule for the visioning meeting. DuBois & King will provide the planning commission with a draft of the visioning session materials prior to the next Planning Commission meeting on November 16, and DuBois & King will incorporate the feedback provided. **The new date for the public Visioning Meeting is November 30.**

4. Debrief the Conservation Commission meeting about Act 171 that directly impacts our work on the town plan update

By statute, the re-write of the town plan will need to incorporate Act 171. The Conservation Commission will assist with this section of the plan that addresses large interior forests and connectivity blocks . Colin Netzley has already started to work with maps to inform this section of the town plan.

In response to Farley's question about takeaways from the presentation by Jens Hilke on October 17th, Linda went on record to say she would like to see a more proactive approach to planning in Craftsbury, and in discussion the planning commission reflected on other points of the presentation, including the planning tools he outlined, the increase in property values, and the recommendation by Jens Hilke that we use language that celebrates our natural resources in the town plan.

Lucas moved to adjourn, Rudy seconded. Meeting adjourned 8:40PM. Next meeting November 16 at 7PM.