

Craftsbury Planning Commission
Draft Meeting Minutes
01/09/20

Present: Rudy Chase, Annie Rowell, Lucas Schulz, Susan Houston, Linda Ramsdell, Gordon Waterhouse

Rudy Chase will chair the meeting in the absence of Farley.

Meeting called to order at 7:06.

Minutes were approved with the clarification that AMI is an abbreviation for Annual Median Income.

Rudy reported that Ross Davis will be home on Saturday, has been recovering from heart surgery.

Revisit Affordable Housing Discussion

- We continued the discussion of keeping a balance, keeping Craftsbury affordable for people who want to stay here, and also accommodating the people who are moving here to have a Craftsbury zip code
- Want to maintain the qualities that attract people to Craftsbury, the qualities that keep people here, and makes Craftsbury special.
- Assignment for all: think about what a spring housing panel/forum/listening session would look like - who might be good panelists or resources. Housing subcommittee draft agenda for such an event.

Steps for Town Infrastructure Planning

- Parking, accessibility, wastewater are all needs. In the village there is very little room between the road and the river
- We have the document "Path to Wastewater Solutions for Villages"
- ? do we have a sense of what it would cost to do an engineering study, what is the spectrum of solutions
- Are there people from other towns nearby, such as Wolcott or Glover, that could give us some insight and help us to not re-invent the wheel.
- Continuing the discussion from above, there was consensus around making infrastructure needs in the village a focal point of a community forum, rather than the more sprawling topic of housing. We are realizing that to have more housing options we would first need more infrastructure.

Introduction to Craftsbury Common Community Water System DRAFT Ordinance

- This is a mystery to us, we will take up in February.

Climate Catalyst: A Community Leadership Program grant

- Through VCRD and NEK Collaborative, there is a program to train and get people to work on good ideas around mitigating climate change. Would run from February - end of December, 4 evening sessions to work with other leaders and other partners, way for other towns and individuals to work on climate change, similar to work of energy committee. Rudy has volunteered to go. Annie Rowell moves that Rudy Chase apply to VCRD for the Climate Catalyst Program. Gordon Waterhouse seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Gordon brought a concern from Stuart Lapointe that the bank he is working with considers his garage to be in the flood plain. Susie suggests that Stuart get an updated flood plain analysis. He needs a waiver to work with the bank. Gordon will work with Stuart to try to resolve.

Susan asked if our Town Report is submitted. Rudy will follow up with Farley, and Linda sent Farley an email from the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15PM