

Town of Hinesburg - Planning Commission

June 22, 2016

Approved July 13, 2016

Members Present: Joe Iadanza, Maggie Gordon, Dennis Place, Rolf Kielman, Jeff French, James Donegan, John Kiedaisch, Barbara Forauer.

Members Absent: Russell Fox.

Also present: Alex Weinhagen (Director of Planning & Zoning).

Joe I. chaired the meeting, which was called to order at approximately 7:30pm.

Agenda Changes: None.

Public Comments for Non-agenda Items: None.

Town Plan – Review Draft 1 – Continued from 4/27, 5/11, 5/18, 5/25, 6/1, 6/8 mtgs:

The Commission continued its page by page review of draft 1 of the new Town Plan, beginning with page 99 of Chapter 10 – Implementation. The Commission discussed the projected time horizon for each action item listed in the table. Some action items were deleted or merged. The Commission made it through the bottom of page 107 (Chapter 10), and will continue the review at the July 13 meeting. No formal actions were taken.

John Kiedaisch indicated that he is creating a document listing only the goals in the plan (excluding the action items under each goal). He hopes this will help the Commission prioritize a shorter list, to more quickly identify the top ten priority action items to call out at the beginning of the plan. The Commission felt this could be helpful, and that a discussion of the top ten priority actions would be a good item for the July 27 meeting – assuming the review of draft 1 of the plan wraps up on July 13.

Minutes – 5/25, 6/1, 6/8:

Rolf made a motion to approve the May 25, 2016 meeting minutes as drafted. Maggie seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0. Maggie made a motion to approve the June 1, 2016 meeting minutes as drafted. Rolf seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0. Maggie made a motion to approve the June 8, 2016 meeting minutes as amended. James seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.

Other Business:

Alex noted that he will not be attending the July 27 meeting. The Commission decided to still hold that meeting in order to discuss the top ten priority action items from the Town Plan.

Joe noted that the Selectboard was split on the interim bylaw development moratorium after the Selectboard's June 16 public hearing – i.e., two in favor, two opposed, one abstaining. As a result, no action is anticipated on the interim bylaw. Alex encouraged the Commission to wrap up work on the Town Plan, so that the Commission can get to work on village growth area zoning revisions. He said the Commission could write a memo to the Development Review Board encouraging special consideration of projects in the wastewater service area given the Town's water and sewer infrastructure limitations – perhaps highlighting some issues raised in the Commission's interim bylaw recommendation to the

Selectboard. Joe cautioned that the Commission not take actions that could be seen as circumventing the Selectboard.

Alex updated the Commission on the Required Agricultural Practices (RAP) proposed by the VT Agency of Agriculture as part of the State's larger effort to improve water quality and clean up Lake Champlain (i.e., Act 64 from 2014-15 legislature). Alex expressed concern about the stream buffer width in the proposed rule, which is only 25 feet rather than the 50-100 feet recommended by the Agency of Natural Resources.

Alex noted that the Selectboard will begin its review of the Commission's proposed solar screening regulations at tomorrow's meeting (6/23).

The meeting adjourned at 9:45pm

Respectfully submitted,
Alex Weinhagen, Director of Planning & Zoning