Wilmington Planning Commission Meeting

Monday, July 24, 2017

In attendance: Cheryl LaFlamme, chair

John Lebron, Wendy Manners-Seaman, Angela Yakovleff

Gretchen Havreluk, interim Town Manager

The meeting was called to order by Cheryl LaFlamme at 4:02 PM.

Possible additions to the agenda.

Letter of resignation from Wendy Manners-Seaman effective Aug. 1, 2017.

Approve minutes from 7/10.

John motioned to accept the minutes from the July 10, 2017 meeting,

Wendy 2nd. In Favor: 4 Opposed: 0

Public comments.

None

Discuss Town Plan as it pertains to Act 174.

Wendy got confirmation that Windham Regional Commission (WRC) will accept the Town Plan energy section as written but to receive substantial deference from the Public Service Board under Act 174 the energy section needs to be expanded to address the standards of Act 174. Wendy suggests we submit what we have now to Select Board then work only on Act174 in the future.

Discussion explaining John Bennett's suggestions from WRC.

Wendy made a motion to approve Wilmington, VT Town Plan as amended and the planning commission report to Select Board as amended. Seconded by Angela.

In favor: 4 Opposed: 0

Discuss Municipal Planning Grant (MPG.)

Cheryl and Angela have looked at grant questions. Gretchen thinks we can use Conway Landscape Design School plans. It is good to substantiate the language needed in the grant application. We would be requesting an engineer to plan that includes lighting, and sidewalks to improve safety, walkability and circulation in the Town and streetscape along Beaver and Church streets and green parks space.

We need to send an e-mail to WRC stating that be have interest in applying for the Municipal Planning Grant. Cheryl will do this.

John made a motion to move forward with the application of an MPG. Angela second.

In favor: 4

Opposed: 0

Recap of Select Board Zoning Ordinance hearing.

August 2 the Select Board will have a more pointed conversation on the Zoning Ordinance

Discussion of concerns about the Zoning Ordinance that were raised at the Select Board hearing.

Wendy will make changes in the plan and send to Craig.

Cheryl will forward the Town Plan and report to Select Board members.

Cheryl will suggest another informal meeting with Select Board to discuss implementation of Town Plan.

Next meeting: Aug 14 at 5:00 PM. Hearing on the flood and fluvial erosion hazard regulations at 6:00 PM. Windham Regional Commission representatives will be in attendance.

Close meeting.

Wendy moves to adjourn the meeting at 5:29 PM.

John 2nd.

In favor: 4

Opposed: 0

Respectfully submitted, Angela Yakovleff, Clerk