

Unapproved Rt 5&30 Corridor Committee August 9, 2011 The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM at the Southern Vermont Learning Collaborative Members Present: Steve Glabach, Mark Whitaker, Beverly Tier, Jack Manix, Bill Schmidt, Lew Sorrenson, Greg Brown Also present: Cindy Wilcox, Brenda Davis, Beverly Kenney, Mathew Hoffman, Mary Ellen Copeland, John Anderson, Nelson Jillson, Zeke Goodband On a motion from Bev Tier with second from Mark, the minutes from the July 12th meeting were approved after changing the word "east" to "west" in the sentence about an overlay extension "east" of I91. Cindy Wicox, representing the Zoning Bylaw Committee, explained that they will begin work on "uses within districts" in September. They hope to have recommendations from the Rt 5&30 Committee soon after. Steve suggested an early December wrap up date for the Committee. Mathew Hoffman, representing the Ag-Subcommittee wanted the Committee to consider cluster housing as a way for farms to develop smaller portions of land while preserving larger areas for agriculture. He also brought up the idea of an ag- overlay. Bill Schmidt passed out copies of the Westminster, Vt. Agricultural overlay. Mary Ellen Copeland, representing the Conservation Commission addressed their concerns regarding the Rt5 Corridor and referred to information in the CC's Biodiversity Study. Also of concern were the conservation of ag soils, the Canoe Brook area and corridor, Dutton Pines, gravel resources and the southeast corner of town as referred to on page 15 of the Biodiversity Study. John Anderson, for the Conservation Commission, addressed the Rt 30 corridor. He listed 5 brooks and the importance of maintaining vegetative buffers. Two major wildlife crossings – south of Maple Valley and just north of Dunklee's. He spoke of a water resource on the Leonard Farm and it's importance to the village. Greg Brown, representing the Housing Commission, referred to a housing survey from 2008 that identified the north and south areas of Rt 5 as desirable areas for new housing. Rt 30 is not as well suited for additional housing due to the physical characteristics of the corridor. There was discussion regarding the effect of bringing water and sewer lines into the Rt 5 area. Jack said it would put more pressure on ag land and increase development. Jack Manix and Bill Schmidt represented the Farmland Protection

Committee. Bill spoke of wanting to look at ag land along Rt 5 using the LESA scores and looking at the Westminster agricultural overlay as a model. Other Business: Lew passed out maps of the southeast portion of Rt 5 taken from the Planning Commission's web site and Town View program. Mark has spoken with some of the abutters of J&B Auto. The next meeting will be September 13 at the Learning Collaborative. The meeting adjourned at 8PM.