

Unapproved  
Rt 5&30 Corridor Committee Minutes  
October 11, 2011

The meeting took place at the Southern Vermont Learning Collaborative in Dummerston, Vt. October 11, 2011

Members present: Steve Glabach, Bill Schmidt, Beverly Tier, Greg Brown, Jack Manix and Lew Sorenson  
Also present: Paul Normandeau and Zeke Goodband

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

A motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of September 13<sup>th</sup> was made by Greg with a second from Bev. The motion was tabled as there was not a quorum from the last meeting.

The Committee began a discussion of the Town Plan as it relates to the corridors. There was much discussion about the importance of preserving farmland; the subject was brought up again at the end of the meeting but no motions or decisions were made.

The question of how to alleviate the fears some property and business owner have about possible changes in the zoning bylaws was raised and a discussion about grandfathering followed. Greg suggested that the Committee come up with a definition of the term. Steve and Jack will work on that for the next meeting.

The Committee moved on to the Zoning Bylaws. They agreed to ask the Planning Commission to:

Clarify the issue of development on side roads; page 7, section 225 R/C District of the Zoning Bylaws.

Clarify #7, permitted uses, Home Business, page 7  
Greg moved with a second from Jack to recommend the PC explore regulating policies regarding energy generating facilities such as solar and wind arrays. The motion passed, 6-0.  
The Committee will recommend the PC change “planted” to “planned” in section 230, page 8, first paragraph.

Steve discussed taking some land out of Rural Commercial east of I91 and the wetland at Middle Rd and Rt 5. No decision was made.

On a motion from Greg, second Jack, the Committee voted 6-0 to ask the PC to amend the Town Plan to add language that gravel pits, when exhausted, be considered for residential or commercial development.

At the next meeting in November, the Committee will revisit the issue of farmland preservation.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05.