

Unapproved
Rt 5&30 Corridor Committee Minutes
November 8, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM at the Southern Vermont Learning Collaborative in Dummerston, Vermont.

Members present: Steve Glabach, Jack Manix, Lew Sorenson, Beverly Teir, Bill Schmidt, Mark Whitaker, Greg Brown

Also present: Bev Kenney, Paul Normandeau, Brenda Davis, Nelson Jillson, Cindy Wilcox, Maria Glabach, Zeke Goodband

On a motion from Bev, second from Mark, the Committee approved the minutes from the September 13th meeting

On a motion from Bev, second from Lew, the Committee approved the minutes from the October 11th meeting.

Steve and Jack presented definitions of the term “grandfathering”; during discussion Lew and Greg stated that when a property is sold, the grandfathering follows the property or land and use. Bev moved, with a second from Jack, to send two of the definitions on to the Planning Commission. The motion was approved on a 7-0 vote.

The Committee then discussed specific sections of Rt 5. Bev moved, with a second from Lew, to recommend the Planning Commission take the section from Old Ferry Rd east of the railroad tracks to Dummerston Station Rd out of Rural/Commercial and put it into Resource. Passed 7-0.

Greg reported that railroads are, with one exception, exempt from local zoning. They are under Federal regulations.

Mark moved, with a second from Bev, to recommend that the PC put the area from Dummerston Station Rd to the south end of the Dummerston Public Landing east of I91 into Resource. Passed 7-0

Bev made a motion with a second from Mark to recommend the PC leave the area from Schoolhouse Rd to the south edge of Sweet Tree Farm east of Rt 5 Rural/Commercial. The motion was voted down.

Lew moved, with a second from Greg, to recommend the area east of Rt 5 from Schoolhouse Rd to the south edge of Sweet Tree Farm be put into Rural. The motion passed 6-1 with Mark casting the nay vote.

Mark moved to recommend that the area north of Ryan Rd to Middle road west of Rt 5 become Resource, he then accepted a friendly amendment to change that to Conservation. The motion passed 7-0.

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Dutton Pines was discussed, Bev moved, with a second from Lew to recommend this area become Rural. The motion passed 7-0.

The Committee then discussed Farmland Preservation. Bill spoke about using the LESA scores to rank farmland and using the Westminster, Vt Agricultural Overlay as a model for Dummerston. Mark spoke against a regulatory approach to farmland preservation. No action was taken.

Greg passed out some copies of a booklet prepared by the State of Vermont on interstate exit area development. He will send out a web address for this site. Lew passed out copies of a Zoning Bylaw update, a draft of districts and conditional uses.

There being no other business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45.