

Dummerston Planning Commission

Approved Minutes

April 5, 2015

Members Present: Annamarie Pluhar, Maria Glabach, Bev Tier, Sarah Bergh, Sam Farwell, Andrew MacFarland, Joe Little

Absent: Deb Forrett

Public: Charlotte Annis, Terry Chapman, Hugh Worden

1. Approve minutes of 3/7/16

Joe moves to accept. Maria seconds. Motion passes.

2. Correspondence

Joe Little approved to the Planning Commission.

3. Public Comment

Hugh Worden, as new member of Selectboard. Here just to observe and be supportive.

4. Town Plan Update

I. Draft of required Flood Resilience section with John Bennett from WRC

Statutory requirement is that the Town Plan identifies flood hazard areas. Act 16 says we must have a flood resilience plan that identifies flood hazards, designates those areas to be protected and recommends policies and strategies to protect the areas identified and designated.

John has provided a synopsis of the ruling so that we can understand what the state is requiring.

We need to have the opening about how we are addressing flood resilience. We need to have one policy and one strategy as a bare minimum.

From John also we don't have an approved Hazard Mitigation Plan approved by FEMA. Windham Regional Planning is working on the town on this. We'll take this up in May.

II. Land Use Chapter- review Working Landscape and Conserved Lands

John says we need to have an economic development element number 11 in the Town Plan.

Overview of what get changed in the Land Use section... Looked at Land Use Policy and Working landscape. Consideration of changing language to be more positive. Section might require some editing as well as the Use Value Appraisal program. Chapter reviewed. Homework for the commission, complete initial revisions next meeting, through Land Use and Working Landscape. Pages 12-26 of the current Town Plan.

Flood Resilience for next meeting too.

Continued to create a work plan for the working on the Town Plan to meet the November public hearing date.

5. Home Business

Draft update. We'll table the revised version until we can vote on it and present on public hearing.

6. Old Business

Elect officers; Adopt rules

Annamarie motions to table the agenda item, Sarah seconds and the motion passes.

7. New Business

8. Adjourn

Next meeting: May 3