

Corrected/Unapproved

Rt 5/30 Corridor Committee Minutes 1/11/11

This meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm at the Church basement in Dummerston, Vermont

Members Present: Steve Glabach, Mark Whitaker, Bev Teir, Bill Schmidt, Jack Manix, Lew Sorenson

Also Present: Cindy Wilcox, Bev Kenny, Paul Normandeau, Matt Mann, Zeke Goodband, and later, Maria Glabach

On a motion from Mark and second from Bev Teir, the Committee voted to approve the minutes from 12/14/10

Some members briefly discussed the impact of Act 60 on commercial and residential development.

Matt Mann from the WRC spoke with the Committee at length and gave the group 3 base maps of the Study areas. He asked how the WRC could help the Committee and told about a Rt 103 Corridor study. He advised the group to "get all the ideas out on the table now". Jack Manix asked him for maps that would have overlays of undevelopable land, eg: steep slopes, wetlands. Bill asked that farmland also be considered undevelopable. Lew suggested these maps be put up on the web and added that there were some areas well suited to light industrial/commercial development in the Exit 4 and Ferry Road areas of Rt 5. He would like to identify and make these locations known to groups such as the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation. Lew also suggested that there could be a "Dummerston style" to higher density development that Dummerston citizens would likely find acceptable

Bill Schmidt passed out copies of the Conservation Commission's Bio Diversity Report, a list of LESA scores of Dummerston farmland and a 1996 survey summary of the Rt 5 area prepared by the Planning Commission for a town plan update.

Lew reminded the group about inviting the Housing, Conservation, and Farmland committees to present information. It was agreed that the Conservation Commission will be invited to the next meeting. Bev

Kenny told the group she would like to organize a business owners committee to provide information.

No date was set for “public input “ meetings but after discussion the Committee agreed that they should continue to gather initial information then go to the public to solicit input, then consolidate plans and go back to the public for reaction and review. It was thought best to solicit public input early in the process rather than later.

The next meeting will be February 8, at 6:30pm at the Church basement. Lew will get maps from WRC with the limitations to development overlays that the Committee asked Mat Mann to prepare.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 8:15.