

## Dummerston Planning Commission

### Unapproved Minutes

April 5, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 at the Dummerston Town Office

**Members Present:** Debra Forrett, David Ryan, Regina Rockefeller, Steve Glabach, Matthew Hoffman, Cindy Wilcox, Sam Farwell

**Absent:** none (two vacancies)

**Also present:** Charlotte Annis, Zeke Goodband, Bill Schmidt, Read Miller, Nelson Jillson

**Public Comment:** Cindy welcomed visitors and asked if anyone wanted to speak; none did

**Minutes:** Steve moved to accept the minutes of March 1, 2011 as written; Debra seconded; motion passed unanimously

**Commission organization:** because the PC is not fully appointed yet, reorganization will be deferred until the May meeting.

**Mail & upcoming conferences:** no new mail; Cindy, Regina, and Matthew said they will attend the UVM Extension Town Officers Education Conferences, Sam said he wanted to attend the sessions for PC members and will call the town office to register, Charlotte Annis stated that she would be attending; the town pays the registration for town officials.

**Zoning Bylaw Update Committee:** Regina reported that the last meeting was spent discussing an events permit, and the many issues around implementation. Matthew stated that he had written a recap of the discussion and emailed it to Cindy. Steve expressed the concern that this permit in allowing certain events, might create more restrictions on events that are currently allowed in town. Steve said equity among business/property owners was a priority. Regina agreed that equity was one of the main concerns of the committee.

**Corridor Studies/Rtes 5 & 30:** Steve reported that the committee is making progress. The meeting for the north end of Rt. 5 is in April and the Rt. 30 meeting is in May.

**Historic Settlement Area boundaries:** Cindy and David reported on the meeting for Slab Hollow. 8-10 people attended; agreed on a tentative boundary; the idea that setbacks in the settlement area would be determined by the closest structure was well received; traffic is a concern. The meeting for Center Dummerston is in April, W. Dummerston in May.

**Procedures Manual:** Debra handed out binders she had prepared for all members with a copy of the approved Town Plan (9/22/10) and helpful information, including explanations of the Open Meeting Law, and Rules of Procedure and Conflict of Interest. Cindy said she would be getting other material as well.

**Agriculture Subcommittee:** Matthew read through action steps from the Town Plan that were related to agriculture and assigned to the PC. He said he had invited a number of people to be on the committee. He asked if anyone present would join; both Read Miller and Nelson Jillson said they would.

**Other PC Tasks from the Town Plan:** Debra passed around a list of action steps from the town plan. After reading through it, the committee agreed that members could more effectively read the action steps in context and on their own time.

**Report on March 24<sup>th</sup> Open Meeting workshop:** Regina, Sam and Charlotte stated they had attended. General discussion of aspects of the law. The question of use of email was raised.

**Report on March 24<sup>th</sup> State Management Plan hearing:** Bill Schmidt reported on the state's plans for Dutton Pines State Park. The state would like to transfer the property to the town, but keep it for public use. The public comment period for the Management Plan continues for about two weeks. Steve moved that the PC encourage the selectboard to participate in the discussion. David seconded and the motion passed.

Steve moved to adjourn; David seconded; meeting was adjourned at 7:30

Next meeting: May 3, 2011

Submitted by Sam Farwell