

PC Members: Rob Litch, Co-Chair, Bev Landon, Dan Monger and Pat Palmer

Others: John Madden

New Haven PC Staff: Dave Wetmore

I. Call to order- 7:00 by Rob

1. Adjustments- none noted

2. **Visitors Business-** John distributed a letter to VT Attorney General regarding the Town Plan adoption process. Beverly noted that she felt that the warning notice complied with VT Law. John countered that the PC report on the Plan was not available 30 days ahead. PC observed that John's submission included reference to 24 VSA 4385(b) which clearly states that the Report is due 15 days ahead of the final public hearing which was the vote. John does not agree.

II. PC BUSINESS

1. Zoning Amendment discussion continued;

Brandy was scheduled to attend tonight's meeting. Dave has sent her several e-mails but has not heard from her. No action taken tonight by PC.

2. Town Plan update-

Energy Plan approval- Public Utility Department (PUD) hearing held on July 6, 2017. New Haven received notice that VT Department of Public Service denied New Haven's Energy Plan on July 18, 2017. John asked for a copy of the Public Utility Departments (PUD) review of New Haven's energy plan. Dan will forward to John. PC briefly discussed the outcome of the PUD review and next steps are in the Selectboard's court.

3. Village Designation-

Dave re-iterated that Richard Amore presented to a small group (12-15 people) on June 20th outlining the merits and opportunities of having a "village designation". ACRPC will assist with the application process. Dave will keep PC updated as to the progress.

4. Energy Updates-

VT Green Line- No new information at this time. Rob observed that this project and others have been identified as \$ resources for Lake Champlain cleanup, especially in light of limited dollars from the Federal Government. PC commented that pursuant to ACT 174 we should get credit for hosting projects like VT Green Line.

VT Gas- Dave reported that the DRB approved VT Gas request for land development in the Flood Hazard Area. Distribution system is scheduled to move forward later this fall. John noted that VT Gas is being questioned about the depth of the transmission line in some areas. Related to work in the right-of-way, Rob commented and expressed frustration on Ferrisburgh's efforts to fine a farmer (1.1 million \$) for removal of trees in the Town owned right-of-way (ROW). Dave stated that it is New Haven's policy

as well. Permission from Town must be granted before any work in the ROW may be completed, which includes culvert placement, tree cutting etc. Bev provided a history lesson about ROW's and established widths which vary between 3 and 6 rods (approx. 50-100-ft.).

5. Other-

- a. **PC Clerk- No action-** Dave re-published clerk position in FPF and will try to get into Newsletter.
- b. **PC member vacancy-** still down 1 member.
- c. **S-51-** PC discussed the potential impacts if S-51 is passed by the Legislature. This is Chris Bray's bill to make the 90% by 2050 goal becomes a required law. Dan expressed that our positive carbon credit should be considered.
- d. **Beverly-**
 - i. Selectboard has expressed that they would like to see a "Municipal" zoning district established.
 - ii. VLCT handbook page 92 addresses scenic roads and PC needs to review. She will forward to PC a copy of that section.
 - iii. Selectboard adopted on 8/1/2017 a solar and wind screening policy and energy usage calculation policy. Both policies and constraint maps should be added or reflected in future Town Plan.

III. REVIEW OF MINUTES

- 1. 7/10/2017- No quorum- approve next meeting

IV. CORRESPONDENCE-

- 7/18/2017- Section 4352 energy plan determination
- 8/7/2017- Middlebury Zoning amendments
- 8/11/2017- John Madden in re; Town Plan Regional approval
- VLCT Town Fair 2017- October 4 and 5

V. OTHER - NEXT MEETING- September 11, 2017-

Agenda- Review draft unified zoning bylaw .

VI. ADJOURNMENT- Pat moved to adjourn at 8:20, Beverly 2nds. Approved, 4 yes, 0 no.


Approved on: 9.11.17



Rob Litch



Dan Monger



Beverly Landon



Pat Palmer