

MINUTES PUBLIC HEARING
Zoning By-Laws Updates
5:00 P.M. Thursday, November 17, 2016
HARDWICK MEMORIAL BUILDING
3RD FLOOR MEETING ROOM

Select Board

Eric Remick, Chair
Kathleen Hemmens, Vice Chair
Shari Cornish
Elizabeth Dow
Kory Barclay

Others Present

Jon Jewett, Town Manager
Brittany Currie, Business Manager
Alberta Miller, Town Clerk
Kristen Leahy, Zoning Admin.
Dave Gross, Chair of Planning Com.

Others Present

Alison Low, NVDA
Jim Nudd
Jim Lovinsky

5:04 P.M. Meeting called to order by Eric Remick.

5:05 P.M. Eric noted the public hearing was properly warned. He explained the by-law changes were mostly administrative and designed to bring them into minimal compliance with National Flood Insurance Program regulations. Eric asked about the track changes in the draft, Kristen said once they approved, those items will be incorporated.

5:09 P.M. Elizabeth commended the group on the great job on cleaning up the by-laws thus far.

5:11 P.M. Dave further explained the administrative updates, clarifying the zoning administrator's appointment, and the minimum standards for flood hazard regulations. He explained that the next step would be to go further on the flood hazard piece to help with reimbursements in the result of a flood. Dave explained the state would pay an additional 5% more on future flood expenses. Jon asked for a cost analysis and what the effects would be on the residents before this change was proposed. Dave explained they understood the possible impacts of the Town and would consider the consequences before proposing any further changes. Lastly, Dave explained the changes to the signage regulation section of the by-law updates.

5:19 P.M. Kory asked what was different in the flood hazard changes, and Alison explained that it was mostly administrative and reporting changes at this point.

5:24 P.M. Kristen explained the amendment of the highway mixed use zoning boundary.

5:26 P.M. Alison explained that the changes to the local ACT-250 would to allow for future downtown designation if so desired.

5:27 P.M. Jim Nudd asked with changing the flood hazard regulations, if any property would be taken out future development, and Dave said the level of elevation has not changed but changes inside the current flood area may be proposed in the future. Jim asked if the proposed by-law changes would be voted on tonight and the Board agreed that they would be voting during the regular Select Board meeting on the current proposal but not on the further flood hazard regulations.

5:34 P.M. Eric adjourned the meeting.

Minutes approved by: _____
Eric Remick, Chair of the Select Board

Minutes taken by: _____
Brittany Currie, Business Manager