

Hardwick Planning Commission
October 10, 2017
Hardwick Memorial Building
Minutes

HPC Members Present: Dave Gross, Chair; Ken Davis; Diane Grenkow; Jim Lewis; Cynthia Grant; Joyce Mandeville; and Shawn Ainsworth

HPC members Absent: None

Also Present: Kristen Leahy, Hardwick Zoning Administrator (ZA)

Chair Gross opened the meeting at 6:28 pm.

Shawn Ainsworth made the motion to approve the agenda as published. Joyce Mandeville seconded. All members were in favor.

Shawn Ainsworth moved to approve the September 12, 2017 minutes for the Planning Commission meeting as written, Ken Davis seconded. All members were in favor.

Discussion turned to the Municipal Plan. The Assessment stage (Step 1 of “Making Plans Matter”) has begun with the review of the data sets from the 2014 Municipal Plan. Board members received copies of the data, the 2016 Hardwick Community Visit report, the Statutory requirements of a Municipal Plan, and a VTD article about the planning process in the town of Pownal.

The accuracy of the 2014 data will be verified by commission members for the next meeting.

- Historic, Scenic and Archeological Resources – Joyce Mandeville
- Economic Development – Cynthia Grant
- Energy Plan – Jim Lewis
- Education – Diane Grenkow
- Land Resources/Water Resources/Flood Resilience – Dave Gross
- Transportation – Shawn Ainsworth
- Land Use – Ken Davis
- Community Profile/Housing – Kristen Leahy

Members will also endeavor to make notation of superfluous information or items which should not be included in the data sets. In addition, members will try to note, seek out, and expand relevant data which was not included in their section.

Much discussion was focused on the vision aspect of the Municipal Plan update. Dave Gross suggested mining the 2014 plan for possible ideas. The continuity from previous plans was also discussed. This discussion will be on-going throughout the updating process.

The maps from the 2014 Municipal Plan cannot be located. Kristen will communicate with NVDA regarding their whereabouts.

Kristen Leahy reported that the Select Board held the public hearing for the proposed zoning bylaw changes and approved the changes as purposed. The draft version of Hardwick’s Hazard Mitigation Plan was

completed by consultant, Paul Luciano. The plan is being reviewed by FEMA and the State of Vermont. The Municipal Planning Grant was not sought in this funding cycle as the funding priorities do not include new maps and /or visual aids for the update of a Town Plan.

The next HPC meeting will be on November 14, 2017.

The motion to adjourn was made by Diane Grenkow and seconded by Jim Lewis. All were in favor.

Board adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kristen Leahy, ZA