

Richmond Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, July 20, 2016
Unapproved Minutes

Members Present: Sean Foley, Brain Tellstone, Lauck Parke, Marc Hughes, Alex Brosman, Clare Rock (Staff)

Absent: Joy Reap

Others Present:

Public Comment – n/a

Staff Updates & Administrative Items:

- Announcements & Updates

- o Welcome new member, Alex Brosman, has lived in Richmond his whole life (except for one year) in the Richmond Community Band. PC members introduced themselves.
 - o Rock attended the Preservation Trust Conference on June 10 – interesting Economic Development seminar – discussion of Pharmacies
 - o “Walk, Bike, Richmond” letter dated June 2, 2016 from ... (Micheal W., village resident) will file with the Transportation file
 - o CCRPC June 2016 Newsletter
 - o Working Group on the Creative Economy, meeting notes June 30, 2016
 - o CCRPC monthly report – June 2016
 - o VT Clean Water Fund –Priorities Questionnaire
 - o Rock attended the CCRPC PAC meeting, July 13. Topics included the Regional Energy Plan initiative and the regional Housing Initiative
 - o Save the Date – Municipal day at National Life, Sept 9, 2016
 - o NOFA letter, dated July 12, 2016 re: Supporting and Managing Rural Enterprise – will file with Natural and Working Lands
 - o Town has purchased the NEMRC Planning and Zoning Software
 - o Rock visited with VYCC and Greensea
 - o Snipe Island Brook bridge replacement – Summer 2017
 - o Consider Zoning Changes for Gateway? I.e. retail...
 - o Rock reported the Selectboard recently discusses whether to explore the benefits shared emergency services.
 - o Public Safety Building – Fausel reported the committee is looking at the sq footage of the current facilities and build out growth for next 20 years. Next question to tackle will be where could combined building could be sited? Plus looking at the long term staffing of the fire department. The committee would like to have a proposal to present at Town Meeting Day, 2017. Charge of the committee was to assess the practicality of addressing the degraded status of the current facilities. Look at a \$10-15 million facility.
 - o Public Work Specifications – Selectboard will hold public hearing in September to adopt.
 - o Legislative Updates...re: Memo from DHCA, dated June 30, 2016. Discussion about Renewable Energy facilities and Municipal/Regional Plans. Will stay tuned.
- Approve meeting minutes – will provide a packet of unapproved meeting minutes at the next meeting
- Summer Schedule – no significant absences are anticipated.

1 Town Plan

2 - Affordability and Cost of Living - preliminary discussion
3 Discussion included the following: Remove Goal 1, Target C, Action 3. PC
4 concerned about length of document and the need to shorten. For group review of the
5 draft documents, Rock will check into google docs as a way to collaborate and into
6 other way of sharing information. Rock also referenced the Vermont Planning
7 Manual section on writing goals, policies and actions. Additional comment included
8 removing the ‘perpetual’ from the target.
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10 Adjourn

11 *Tellstone made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Fausel, all in favor, so voted.*
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13 The meeting ending at 9:15pm

14 Respectfully submitted by Clare Rock, Town Planner