



Minutes

Planning Commission February 12th 2020, Library 5 PM

Present: Carol Fairbank, Linda Romans, Ellen Celnik, Jerilyn Virden

Meeting called to order at 5:03 PM.

Approve January's Meeting Minutes - deferred to next meeting.

Greater Greensboro Task Forces Update:

- **Wastewater Infrastructure Task Force:** Dan (via Carol)
The Wastewater Task Force is evaluating six responses to their RFQ. Selected firms will undergo RFP selection process, and the winning firm's work plan will be the basis for a grant application to the USDA and/or the VDEC Engineering Planning Advance Program to perform a feasibility study to determine the best area for a wastewater facility - the Village, the Bend, and the Shoreland District; and to determine the feasibility of installing a wastewater treatment facility. It is anticipated that an RFP will be issued in March, and a grant application will be submitted in May or June.
- **Walking/Biking Paths Task Force:** Jerilyn/Ellen
Better Connections Grant / State Funding Update
There is 2.8 million proposed by Gov. Scott to finish the rail trail, which may be matched by 14M federal. Support this decision by calling legislators. The Better Connections grant application will be issued in June or July. This grant includes a number of actions, including a water quality section addressing Lamoille River contamination in the Bend, potential businesses that could be developed adjacent to the rail trail in East Hardwick and the Bend, and beautification actions in both villages. The key decisions are a) who will be the application manager and b) who will be the project manager. (if we receive the grant).
- **Lake Water Quality Task Force:** Christine
The water quality group invited the LakeWise coordinator to come present in January. They're going to kick off using LakeWise here around the lake.
- **Broadband Connectivity Task Force:** Carol
The Connected Greensboro task force has created an outreach plan to promote support of Greensboro joining a Communications Union District (CUD), to improve our broadband infrastructure at no cost and no risk to the taxpayers. The vote to join will take place at town meeting. Other subcommittees are performing market research and surveying residents about their current service and future needs.



Rental Management Ordinance Update: Christine (absent - deferred to next meeting)

Bylaw Assessment Teams Update:

- **Lakeshore District Issues:** Christine and David
David & Christine to speak to the SB about the proposal for bylaws around the lake. They have provided the SB the document for review.
- **Lake Water Quality Issues:** Jerilyn and Carol
Complete
- **Earth Extraction Bylaw:** Dan (via Carol)
Complete
- **Subdivisions and Site Plans:** Carol (new topic)
Craig Keller from the VT Dept of Transportation has requested the town help enforce permitting for subdivisions and site plans along state roads. Language has been shared with Kim and the GPC.
- **Allowing for Rentals in Shoreland District** (new topic):
GPC to add bylaw language in this round that includes commercial business (with limitations) and rentals. In order to enact a new ordinance in the future, existing policy must be in place.

Housing Committee Update: Kent and Ellen

The Housing Committee is working on a draft of goals. Town rentals info is skewed by summer rentals. Plan to explore recommendations, e.g. expanding village districts to reduce 10 acre requirement, considering partnership with Habitat for Humanity. The committee will attempt to get a comprehensive map by their March meeting. Note: Dan put together a list of GIS maps that we have through the Conservation Commission from their Ecological Inventory, existing GIS Parcel Map - and setting up criteria to create a new constraints map that would identify areas that would be suitable for housing. Working with Tracey McIntyre, the GIS expert from NVDA. The GPC has earmarked funds for completing the map project.

Bend Revitalization Update: Carol

We've earmarked \$1K for the Front Lawn project tree installation, however Dan is applying for a grant. \$50 PC funds allocated to rent the church in the bend for their next meeting. The Block Party will take place on Friday, July 31.

Planning Commission Budget: 2020-2021 - Reviewed, copy in town meeting report

The next Planning Commission meeting will be March 11, 2020 at 5 PM in the library.

Motion to adjourn at 5:57 PM made by Jerilyn, seconded by Ellen.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Romans