

Tinmouth Planning Commission
June 16, 2022
Regular Meeting ~ Minutes

Members present in-person: Michael Fallar, Larry Carabeau, Judy Gilmore, and Andy Gilmore

Members present via Zoom: Vito Macaluso, Pat Psholka, Rainbow Squier, Kim Harbaugh, and Bob Lloyd

Others present: in-person, Ed Bove, Ex. Director of the Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC) and Gail Fallar, Secretary

Michael called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Members reviewed the agenda, no changes.

Minutes of 5/19/22 were approved as written, Bob moved to approve, Pat 2nded, Kim abstained, all others voted in favor.

Ed Bove, RRPC, noted he was the Executive Director only for the next 10 days, when he would then step down and work on special projects for RRPC, our Town Plan update being one of them. He advised that the Town Plan was last adopted in 2017, so it needs to be re-adopted by 2025 (every 8 years). It was amended in 2020 to add an Energy Section. The good news is that it contains all the necessary elements required by statute, but could use updating census data, and some work on font styles, formatting. RRPC can help with that. Gail inquired about state grants – Ed advised that updating town plan grants are pretty hard to get.

Ed reviewed the first Town Plan, adopted in 1974, stating it was very well done, and noted that the Objectives list is still the same, surviving all the revisions and updates since then, including the 2007 Town Plan of the Year (Vermont Planners Association). He passed around a copy for members to review.

Rainbow advised that the Equity and Inclusion Committee's Research and Development Working Group was thinking about conducting a survey regarding the town's future and wondered if a combined survey could be useful with the update. Members briefly discussed the survey done for the 2017 update. Should it be mailed, done by survey monkey, town's website, or a combination of those, no decision made.

Members discussed the similarities with today's concerns and those in 1974, keeping the town rural, agricultural, though we are now down to one dairy farm. Subdivisions, development, preserving ag/open land . . .

Homework will be for members to read the original 1974 and current 2020 Town Plans and determine any areas of concern, issues that need to be addressed. Gail will send to everyone. PC will meet in August to discuss, and meet with Ed again in September.

No updates on other proposed subdivisions – still waiting for surveyors to complete work.

Next meeting will be August 18th, no meeting in July.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar, Secretary

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