

Granville Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
September 1, 2016

In attendance:

Judy Wood, Chair; Cheryl L. Sargeant, Secretary; and Mary Falcon

Public: Chris Sargeant, Two Rivers Ottawaquechee Regional Commission

Call to Order: 6:02 p.m.

Public Communication: VLCT Town Fair notice acknowledged but will not be attended. Notice of Public Hearing for the Kennedy Road Reclassification on October 11, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. acknowledged and, though not mandatory, *may* be attended by Planning Commission member(s).

Old Business:

- Minutes from the August 1, 2016 meeting were approved as written with a motion made by Mary and seconded by Cheryl. All in favor none opposed.
- To date, there's been only one response to our public posting of the Granville Planning Commission Goals - an email response (to the Front Porch Forum posting) in favor of the stated goals.
- We discussed the proposed Town Plan amendments with Chris Sargent. He informed us that the TRORC DRAFT Energy Implementation Plan will be updated on September 2, 2016 and posted to the Two Rivers Ottawaquechee Regional Commission website. As the final adoption of this Plan as will not be until June 2017, nor will the official requirements of Town Plans for "certification" and "substantial deference" be finalized until then, we now have more time than previously estimated to amend the Granville Town Plan.
- Two Rivers Ottawaquechee Regional Commission will be holding a public hearing on September 27, 2016 at the Bethel Town Hall at 6:30 p.m. regarding the revised TRORC DRAFT Energy Implementation Plan. Granville Planning Commission member(s) will attend this hearing.
- We will follow Chris's suggestion to include the Planning Commission Goals statement in our annual report for the Town Report/2017 Town Meeting. Thus, Town Meeting will offer an ideal opportunity for public input.
- Towns are now required to have their Village Designations on the maps and we now have to add a Flood Resiliency Chapter to the Town Plan because of the damages suffered from Tropical Storm Irene. He suggested that for now the Planning Commission work on the amendments outlined in the Goals statement, as well as reviewing the current Plan to assess the Selectboard's adherence to its recommendations.

New Business:

- We discussed Granville Manufacturing's aim to revitalize/re-purpose its facilities. The Planning Commission would like to work with them toward this end. Chris suggested contacting Richard Amore at the State of Vermont Community Development Agency for further help and possible grants.
- Regarding Granville having an Energy Commission, as we don't see the need to have yet another, separate commission in this small town, we may request that the Selectboard appoint the Planning Commission to act as a joint Planning and Energy Commission.
- Finally, we discussed contacting GMP for replacement of Granville's street lights with updated LED energy efficient ones.

Judy made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m. Cheryl seconded. All in favor none opposed.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl L. Sargeant, Secretary
Granville Planning Commission