

West Fairlee Planning Commission

Draft Minutes – Monthly Meeting of November 10, 2014

Present: Geoff Gardner, Al Pfeiffer, Guy Wilson and Guest: Selectboard Chair, Delsie Hoyt Eaton

The meeting began at 6:40 PM.

1. Minutes: It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of both the Commission's September and October meetings.

2. Selectboard: Delsie asked on behalf of the Selectboard whether the Commission would be requesting any addition to its fund as part of the 2015 budget. It was agreed by the members present that the Commission will require no additional funding for 2015. A brief conversation followed about timing and scheduling of required public meetings for Town approval of both the new Flood Hazard Element to be added to the Town Plan and of the revised Flood Hazard ordinance. We thought it unlikely that we would be ready with both before Town Meeting in March. We emphasized to Delsie that we were looking forward to comment from the Selectboard on both drafts.

3. New Members: Guy reported that Kathy Lory has said she will not be available to serve until after the first of the new year. Guy will prepare a request for new members to run on the town listserv every two weeks. The town newsletter will also carry a similar request.

4. Town Plan Flood Hazard/Flood Zone Element and Revised Flood Hazard Ordinance: There was discussion of next steps and scheduling for presenting both these measures to the Town. It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously to present the Flood Zone element and the new ordinance together and at once. We will arrange to bring both to the required public meetings. The most likely time for a vote to approve both will be the general election in November, 2015. Geoff will ask Rhonda for copies of both the Town's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and its Local Emergency Operation Plan. Before our December meeting, Al will try to pick up drafting revision of the ordinance where we last left off.

5. Newsletter: Geoff discussed the likely contents of the next newsletter, its deadline and probable mailing date. He also raised the issue of additional and relatively high expense involved in supplying new color drums for the printer. The issue was discussed at length. It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously that the newsletter is important enough to the Town at large to justify the additional expense, and the expense was approved.

6. Adjourn: the meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.