

West Fairlee Planning Commission

Final Minutes – Monthly Meeting of August 11, 2014

Present: Skip Brown, Geoff Gardner, Al Pfeiffer, Guy Wilson.

The meeting began at 6:30 PM.

1. Minutes: It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the minutes of the July 14th meeting.

2. Skip Brown Resignation: Skip Brown offered his formal resignation from the commission. He will be moving from West Fairlee by the end of the month. The commission members accepted Skip's resignation regretfully and offered their best wishes to Skip in his new home.

3. Town Plan Flood Hazard/Flood Zone Element: Since no further suggestions from commission members for the Flood Hazard/Flood Zone Element were received, the suggestions for additions from Ned Swanberg and Sacha Pealer of the State's Rivers Program were reviewed and discussed. Guy will post the draft on line as a possible model for other town as requested by Ned Swanberg. It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously to send the draft to Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission for any comments they might have and then send it on to the Selectboard.

4. Revised Flood Hazard Ordinance: The Town Plan flood element will serve as background to be referred to in the revised ordinance. Al, Geoff and Guy will each begin to sketch a draft for a new ordinance reconciling our present ordinance with the State's Model 6. The September meeting will be a working meeting to bring this work together into a single draft.

5. Schedule For Bringing a New Ordinance to a Vote: Draft of a revised ordinance will have to be brought to the Selectboard and then in all likelihood placed before the Town for a vote. It now seems more likely that a vote will occur next March rather than in November. The commission will attempt to have an article supporting the revised ordinance in the March town newsletter before the vote.

6. Field Assessment of Flood Hazard Map: the State Rivers Program has reported that the map we have is their latest version. Commission members will return to the field this fall to assess the map's accuracy and report any concerns to the State.

7. Bean Hall Site Meetings of 26 June and 7 August: Geoff and Al reported on these two meetings and a lively discussion followed. The next West Fairlee Newsletter will report on the meetings and the ideas that have resulted from them.

8. Cell Service Along Route 113: There was a brief discussion of the status of cell service along route 113.

7. **Adjourn:** the meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.