

Townshend Planning Commission
February 22, 2006

Commissioners present: Art Monette, Tiz Garfield, Dale Thiel, Sue LeCours, Tom Lyman, John Evans, Michael Charles

Also present: Ann Cousins, Preservation Trust of Vermont

Meeting was called to order by chair Monette at 7:20 PM

Monette welcomed Ann Cousins of the Preservation Trust of Vermont; Garfield gave a brief overview of the questions and concerns we have as we go forward with the renovations of the Town Hall.

Cousins was very informative as she walked us through some of the funding that will be available to us through her non profit organization as well as other state, federal and private organizations. A list of funding possibilities can be found on their website at ptvermont.org.

Ann felt that the project should be done in phases with the HVAC and codes as phase one, followed by the renovation of the basement. She congratulated us on how well the building had been maintained thus far. The next step in this process will be educating the towns people on what our plans are and getting their feedback and support, since grants typically cover only 10% of the total cost of a project, it will be important to have the support of the town for further fundraising. Ann gave us numerous names of towns that have taken on such projects and felt it a good idea to call the managers of the towns for information on how they went about fundraising. Ann left the meeting at 8:30 PM

Minutes of February 8, 2006 were read, Thiel made a motion to accept minutes as presented, Garfield second, minutes were unanimously accepted as presented.

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Meeting notice, WRC 2/28/06 7:30PM at Landmark College

Meeting notice, VT Planners Assoc. 2/23/06 7:00PM Springfield Town Hall

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Old Business

Parking Evans met with Joe Russo and John Ballanti of Vtrans regarding the parking in front of Town Hall. The process will be longer than we had expected due to the fact that the area will need an archeology study to determine if there are any artifacts that will be disturbed, also an environmental study to determine how to preserve the trees that are nearby. Evans will continue and report to us as he gathers information.

Ethics Garfield will draw up a rough draft of the revised edition of ethics and conflicts of interest that we worked on at our last meeting. Tiz will try to have that for our next meeting.

Tax bill Garfield gave a brief summary of the municipal tax bill.

Thiel excused herself from the meeting at 8:45 PM

Garfield made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Charles, unanimous agreement brought the meeting to a close at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan LeCours, clerk