

Townshend Planning Commission
April 26, 2006

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

Citizens present: Walter Meyer lister, Anita Bean town clerk, Kenneth Hoffman

Garfield as acting chair called meeting to order at 7:25 PM

Garfield had invited the members of the building committee to be present this evening, that committee includes, Tom Lyman, John Evans, Michael Charles, Walter Meyer, Anita Bean, Ken Hoffman and Mike Adrian, Mike Adrian was not able to attend.

Garfield gave handouts to all with the building committee members names, phone numbers and email addresses.

Garfield gave each building committee member a folder that included two studies, one done in 1996 and the most recent Weisner study done in 2005. Also included was "Recommendations for Town Hall" a document prepared by the PC that chair Monette presented to the select board last month.

Garfield then gave an overview of what the PC has done so far on the town hall renovations and explained that the BC is a subchapter of the PC and both report to the select board. Garfield's ideas for early work of the BC included cleaning the basement, surveying the town hall property and roof repairs. She mentioned that Nancy Boone of Vermont Preservation would come down with the state fire marshal to preview the building and give suggestions.

Bean reported that the select board is hiring a maintenance person to do work around the town hall that had been suggested by an insurance agent, she also believes they are addressing the roof repairs.

Charles felt that the BC did not have the authority to clean the basement, the select board would have to authorize someone to do that, perhaps the maintenance person that is being hired. Charles suggested that the BC begin meeting on Monday May 1st at 1:00 and meet every Monday at 1:00 thereafter, this was accepted and Meyer, Bean and Hoffman left the meeting at 8:10 PM

Old Business

Valley Cares Act 250 hearing. This hearing will take place on May 2, 2006 starting on site at 9:30 AM then moving to the town hall. Garfield was chosen to be the spokesperson for the PC. LeCours felt Valley Cares had answered our concerns at our previous meeting with Bob Crego and Bob Stevens on April 12, 2006. Thiel felt that we should go on record with the same concerns that we had voiced at the time of said meeting, they include:

parking	we feel is limited
lighting	limit the nighttime lighting and review the sign lighting
wells	impact on neighboring wells, has this been resolved?
screening	plant more of a screen on the north side where the largest portion of the building will be noticed coming south on RT 35

We referenced the town plan on all of the above.

VTRAN

Evans reported that he had met with WRC and Stratton is offering each town \$15,000 to do their own work on traffic, this is not acceptable to the committee.

Minutes of April 12, 2006 were read, Charles made motion to accept, Garfield second, the minutes were unanimously accepted as presented.

Mail

ANR receipt of application from Anna Mae Ray to build a 3 bedroom single family home on Depot Rd.

VT project review sheet for the above project, no Act 250 required.

Act 250 request Charles Marchant to temporarily store the off site soil for Valley Cares project on his property on RT 35.

Evans made a motion to adjourn, Thiel second, unanimous agreement ending the meeting at 9:05 PM

Next meeting will be May 10, 2006 at 7:15 PM at town hall

Reminder of the Septic Regulations meeting scheduled for tomorrow evening at 7:00 PM at town hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan LeCours, clerk