

Townshend Planning Commission
July 26, 2006

Commissioners present: Art Monette, Tiz Garfield, Mike Charles, Dale Thiel, Tom Lyman, Sue LeCours

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

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

Mail

VLC&T 2006 Town Fair October 5, 2006 Barre, VT

WRC News brief and review of meeting on July 25, 2006 in Townshend

VT ANR Interagency Act 250 Review Committee, RE: Yancey – Entry of Appearance Julia Moore for ANR. Comments on Criterion 5 – Traffic, a permit will be needed to eliminate existing drive access on VT RT 30. Criterion 9F - Energy Conservation, construction of renovations or equipment shall be in conformance with VT Residential Building Energy Standards.

Letter from Amon DeWitt to William Jewell & Company re: Valley Cares Inc. Amon has concerns regarding a response to the May 12, 2006 hearing recess order that refer to a spring line that provides Amon with a back up water supply.

Letter from Deborah Whitney to April Hensel District II re: Valley Cares Inc. regarding a culvert and trench built by the Youth Corps in connection with a walking path that was recently built for Valley Cares.

We discussed the importance of having a print copy of the Select Board minutes; Garfield will ask Davis to drop a copy in our mail box.

Committees

WRC – Charles reported that there is a municipal planning grant that deals with ancient roads, a mapping grant is available. Charles feels that this should be brought to the attention of the Select Board. Garfield volunteered to put a note in the SB box regarding this grant.

Charles also reported on VELCO plans to expand and upgrade existing power lines, there will be another set of lines and poles.

Building Committee – Charles reported that the committee met recently and Tom Lyman had some new ideas regarding the town hall renovations. Lyman reported that his idea is to make better use of the space we already have as an alternative to adding on. He believes that 75% of the building is not used 95% of the time and by adding cabinets in the dining area that could hide file cabinets and such would be a good use of that space.

Also with the purchase of some nice tables and chairs, a wireless system and a laptop, various committees could make wise use of the area with a savings that could be used for updating baths and adding parking out front.

Land Committee – Monette reported that the land committee is reviewing plans for a smaller fire station; they will do a site visit before bringing ideas before the Select Board. If SB approves they will do a draft to present to the town.

Old Business

Monette had a discussion with Linda Matteson regarding Kindle Farm, Linda said that if KF was not willing to do a 3 year or less term on the yurts that would trigger a hearing. Also John Bennett of WRC let KF know that they needed to address Newfane, Townshend and WRC.

Water Resource Protection Area - Charles, Lyman and Thiel will all be attending the meeting tomorrow night regarding Valley Cares Inc and this resource area.

New Business

LeCours asked the commission how they would like the minutes posted on the town website, as a draft or as approved minutes. Garfield made motion to post minutes after approval, second by Lyman, unanimous acceptance carried that motion.

Charles made motion to adjourn the meeting, LeCours was second, unanimous agreement brought the meeting to a close at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue LeCours, clerk