

Townshend Planning Commission
August 23, 2006 Draft

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

Meeting was called to order by chair Monette at 7:30 PM

Minutes of July 26, 2006 were read Garfield made motion to accept as presented, second Thiel, minutes were unanimously accepted as presented.

Mail

VT Dept of Buildings & General Services – information on 2006 Human Services Competitive Grant Program.

ANR Project Review Sheet - Kindle Farm to place two yurts on property, add fixtures to school building. Act 250 application pending.

ANR Boundary line adjustment - between Gordon Bush and Marilyn Beaudoin.

ANR receipt of application - for Michael & Linda Duke on revised house location on East Hill Rd.

VT Waster Water Permit – Michael & Linda Duke East Hill Rd

VT Land Use Permit – Sean & Mary Yancey to convert six room Inn and restaurant to three apartments.

ANR Entry of Appearance – Re: Kindle Farms, Julia Moore from ANR on traffic criterion, the project has too many access points and needs an AOT permit.

Kindle Farms – to VT Environmental Commission II & III a letter addressing concerns voiced by Townshend PC, Agency of Transportation and WRC.

Valley Cares Inc- to Deb Whitney from Bob Crego regarding Whitney's concerns about culverts or trenches.

VT Waste Water Permit – Anna Mae Ray for 3 bedroom single family home.

Old Business

Kindle Farm – KF reported that the yurts will be on the property for less than three years, also that they are not increasing enrollment . The additional buildings and the use of the barn as additional classrooms will be addressed at a future time since they are not part of the current permit, Linda Matteson thanked Art for our letter and for making them aware, the committee will take this into consideration while reviewing permits.

Town Hall Parking – The application has been filled out with necessary sketches to accompany the application, Garfield sent the application to the select board for their review, the SB signed application but later rescinded it and asked us to change the wording of our current description “work will begin as soon as the permit is issued”.

We decided on “work will begin as soon as the permit is issued and budget permits”.

Monette made motion to accept change, Charles second, the change was unanimously accepted and motion carried.

Committees

Building Committee – Charles reported that they have not met but he did receive a call from Ann Cousins from VT Preservation and they do have funds available.

WRC – Charles received an email from WRC regarding broadband access, Mike responded to email and will report back to the PC with any new information.

VTRANS – Evans reported that the committee did meet recently with no real solutions to slow traffic through the villages, they discussed speed limit enforcement.

Land Committee –Monette reported that the LC met with fire department with only a small number in attendance, they will meet again to discuss the departments needs when more can attend.

Village Center Designation - the Vermont Downtown Program is increasing funds made available to the VCD from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000 there are also new tax credits available. After discussion Garfield sent this notification to the Townshend Business Association so they can make their members aware of available funds.

Water Resource Meeting – Monette had calls from citizens asking if we sent Charles and Lyman to the meeting as representatives of the PC, he responded that Charles was there as an abutter and Lyman was there for the PC mainly to gather information and with no instructions from the PC, although they, like us, are concerned about the property rights of townspeople.

Telecommunications – Charles contacted Verizon regarding information he had heard regarding 15 new towers, he has not heard back from them. We had discussed an earlier meeting where Lyman had been in contact with Verizon and had been told that they were expanding the I-91 corridor only at this time.

New Business

Charles who had come to the meeting late and after the minutes of 7/26/2006 had been approved had changes to those minutes explaining that the paragraph regarding the VELCO plans should read that there will be another set of lines and poles, not they are seeking enough space for another two lines and poles. Garfield made a motion that we accept the changes to the approved minutes, Monette was second, all approved and motion carried.

Charles made a motion to adjourn, Thiel was second, unanimous acceptance brought meeting to a close at 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Sue LeCours, clerk