

Townshend Planning Commission
July 25, 2007

Commissioners present: Tiz Garfield, Sue LeCours, Tom Lyman, John Evans, Mike Charles

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

Minutes of July 11, 2007 were read, with two words changed for clarity, minutes were unanimously accepted as changed.

Mail

WRC Southern Loop Upgrade recommendations.

Otis Health Care, Jim Crozier to Deb Whitney regarding storage barn.

Valley Cares Newsletter

SB Minutes Draft

Survey, one of our surveys from town meeting was returned.

Village Center Designation in receipt of our application for renewal.

Old Business

Charles reported that he did attend the last SB meeting and spent time going over the flood hazard bylaw amendment, Charles asked if the PC had to hold a separate meeting or could we join the SB in theirs, he heard back from selectman Donahue that yes we do need to hold a separate meeting.

LeCours reported that she had been contacted by Cynthia Davis and a meeting including the SB and PC will be held tomorrow evening at 6:00 PM at Town Hall to discuss the amendment. Three of five commissioners felt they would be able to attend.

Act 250 Otis Health Care Storage Barn. A meeting was held onsite recently in which Linda Matteson of District II, three SB members, four PC members, and several neighbors attended. District II decided there was enough interest in this project to hold a hearing. The Act 250 District II commission will hold this hearing beginning with a site visit on August 6, 2007 followed by a meeting at Town Hall.

We discussed our concerns about this project.

Charles made a motion that the PC support this project if the following concerns are met:

No electric or plumbing to the building.

Aesthetics, neighbors view will not be objectionable.

Drainage, this is already a challenging area.

Access, clarify the entrance and exit of vehicular traffic to this barn.

Storage, permit should read that no hazardous material will be stored on this site.

Lyman was second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Lyman took the handwritten notes home to put them in a more formal format for written testimony for the hearing.

New Business

Southern Loop Upgrade, we discussed impact to Townshend, Lyman took WRC recommendations home to read and report back.

LeCours made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Charles was second and unanimous agreement brought the meeting to a close at 8:40 PM

Next meeting will be held on August 8, 2007 at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan LeCours, clerk