

MINUTES
FAYSTON PLANNING COMMISSION
AUGUST 1, 2016

Members Present: Polly McMurtry, Carol Chamberlin, Fred Gilbert, Shane Mullen, Tim Jones (via phone); ZA: John Weir

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 pm.

Members first reviewed the Minutes of July 18, 2016. Polly and Carol suggested some minor revisions. Shane moved to accept the Minutes as amended, and Fred seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Carol provided an update on the Ridge to River stormwater project. Members reviewed a spreadsheet of possible approaches (programs/regulations) to stormwater and erosion control. Members provided feedback to Carol and noted some areas in the regulations that these approaches could be included.

Members reviewed Polly's work on the Town Plan goals/objectives task list. Polly had highlighted some objectives that had yet to be undertaken for discussion. As far as drafting river corridor regulations, Members agreed to leave this to the State. Regarding impact fees, members agreed this could still be addressed. Carol will discuss impact fees with the Natural Resources Committee (NRC) at its next meeting. Members also agreed that incorporating driveway standards that seek to minimize erosion from the construction of new roads as part of an approved subdivision would be a good approach. Similarly, Members agreed that coordination with the NRC to identify, prioritize and work to conserve areas with significant natural heritage elements was another good approach. In addition, Members agreed that more could be done as far as education landowners. More specifically, this approach would seek to encourage the responsible use and careful stewardship of the natural heritage by landowners and managers.

Members then discussed whether to pursue the 2016 Municipal Planning Grant (MPG). After review of the Town Plan goals/objectives task list, members found a number of non-regulatory objectives and strategies related to landowner education that have not been addressed. Whether or not this type of landowner education approaches could qualify for aid via the MPG needs further exploration. Polly will reach out to the Central Vermont Planning Commission (CVRPC) and Joshua Schwartz for feedback.

The next meeting of the Fayston Planning Commission will be August 15, 2016.

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

