

MINUTES
FAYSTON PLANNING COMMISSION
AUGUST 31, 2015

Members Present: Polly McMurtry, Carol Chamberlin, Jim Halavonich, Fred Gilbert, Cole Lavoie (ex-officio); ZA: John Weir.

Polly called the meeting to order at 5:01p.m.

Members first discussed the Minutes of August 17, 2015. Polly and Jim suggested a couple edits. Jim moved to accept the minutes as amended, and Fred seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Polly provided members with an update concerning the Economic Vitality Series in the Mad River Valley. Joshua Schwartz (Mad River Valley Planning District) has been coordinating a series of discussions with members across a wide spectrum of the business community. The series was created to discuss issues and opportunities that exist for business in the Mad River Valley. The remaining events include those focusing on Health Care and Wellness (9/10), Agriculture and Food Production (9/17), and Educational Services (9/22).

Members then discussed the Municipal Planning Grant (MPG). Applications are due to the State by September 30, 2015. This grant could be used by the Planning Commission to help in the pending revisions of the zoning regulations. Specifically, the grant could be used to hire either a consultant or to utilize the services of the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC) in creating conservation areas via overlay districts with the focus of protecting Fayston's natural resources from development. Carol and Polly had gotten together on their own to put together materials (goals, budget etc) necessary to pursue this grant. Polly had also drafted a scope of work from which potential consultants could provide cost estimates for work.

Members decided that Carol will be chief writer of the narrative portion of the MPG application. Members are to send any ideas for the narrative to Carol. The MPG application also requires the designation of certain appointments. John Weir was designated as the "grant administrator" and Polly as "grant writer."

The Planning Commission is now on the agenda for following Selectboard meetings: September 14, 2015 and September 28, 2015.

Members then discussed Polly's draft of the scope of the work which will be provided to potential consultants so that they can prepare estimates/budgets for what it would cost to hire them. The focus of the scope of work was to tie in language from the recently-completed Town Plan into the land use regulations. Members decided to have a first draft of the narrative for the

MPG application by September 10, 2015. John will go on to the VT Department of Housing and Community Development website in order to get information.

Members then discussed the facility siting standards prepared by Polly after last meeting. Per recommendation of the town attorney, members are planning on adding language to the Town Plan concerning the siting of telecommunications towers. Any such new language must either be added to the Town Plan via an amendment or re-adoption of the entire plan. Members suggested a few edits to Polly's draft. Polly will incorporate members' suggestions and will forward it to the Selectboard for review pending any other suggestions by members.

Members still intend to draft a driveway regulation which would limit new driveways to 500 feet in length, with longer driveways only permissible pursuant to conditional use review from the Development Review Board.

The next meeting of the Fayston Planning Commission is September 21, 2015.

Fred moved to adjourn and Jim seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:54p.m.