

MINUTES (amended)
FAYSTON PLANNING COMMISSION
DECEMBER 7, 2015

Members Present: Polly McMurtry, Jim Halavonich, Rowan Cignoni; ZA: John Weir (temporary member)

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm.

Members first reviewed the Minutes of November 16, 2015. Rowan moved to approve, and John seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The tri-town leadership meeting will be held at the Waitsfield School on December 9, 2015. Planning to attend are Polly, Rowan, Carol, and John. There is also the Vermont Planner's Association fall conference on December 11, 2015 in Saint Albans.

Members then proceeded to discuss the map generated by Rowan, which depicts the scenic resources/viewsheds to be included in the facility siting standards (Town Plan, Section 8.5.5). Rowan's map did a good job at depicting the popular vantage points of views, the foreground of views and the direction of views. Rowan will make some minor modifications per member discussion. Polly will forward the map and revised facility siting standards (Section 8.5.5) to the Selectboard for review.

The Town's application for the Municipal Planning Grant was denied. Polly is set to attend the next Selectboard meeting on December 14, 2015 to discuss funding to help revise the land use regulations. The Planning Commission's budget last year was \$2,500. Members agreed to request an additional \$2,500 to aid in the revisions to the regulations, which would go toward community outreach and technical review. Jens Hilka, from the Agency of Natural Resources, should still be able to provide mapping services at no cost.

John will prepare a summary of where members are in the regulation-revision process, citing what has been completed and what remains to be done.

Polly had communicated with Jon Shea (Chair of the Development Review Board (DRB)) and Chuck Martel (DRB) concerning any input they might have about the upcoming revisions to the land use regulations and, most specifically, Section 6.3 (Subdivision – Protection of Natural Resources). Jon requested drafts of the revisions and would provide commentary. Polly believes it would be best if DRB members actually attended a meeting so that there can be a dialogue between the two boards.

Members then continued discussion of the revised Section 6.3 and the proposed overlay districts. This also necessitates adding tables for the overlay districts to Section 2. Polly and Jim will work on Section 2 and Carol will work on Section 6.3.

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

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