

Work Session of the Planning Commission
November 9, 2015 – Town Hall, Greensboro, Vermont
Re: Town Plan Update

In Attendance: Linda Romans, Phil Gray (Chair), Joe Wood, Christine Armstrong, Lily McAteer, and David Miltenberger

Absent: Dylan Laflam

Also in Attendance: Kristen Leahy, Zoning Administrator (ZA); Lee Wright and MacNeil – members of the public.

A review was made of the minutes from the work session on October 12, 2015. A slight change was made – Phil suggested including a line with the names of any GPC members who were unable to attend (“Absent”). Motion to accept minutes as amended was made by David Miltenberger and seconded by Linda Romans. All members were in favor.

Phil greeted the newest GPC members – Christine Armstrong and Lily McAteer. He also proposed that the GPC invite the former chair of the Commission – Josh Karp – to the next Commission meeting to answer any questions about the last large update of the Greensboro Town Plan. Phil suggested that Josh might have ideas about issues surrounding the use of consultants in the planning process. The Commission agreed with Phil’s proposal and Kristen Leahy (ZA) will invite Josh to the next GPC meeting (tentatively scheduled for 12/14/15)

The question of officers of the Commission was next on the agenda and Phil announced that he would be retiring from the position of chair. After 15 years on the GPC, Phil would like to see someone new assume the duties of chair. Phil nominated Joe Wood. Linda Romans seconded the motion. All members were in favor. Nominations were then sought for Vice Chair. Joe Wood nominated David Miltenberger, Linda Romans seconded. All members were in favor. The position of clerk will remain with the ZA – Kristen Leahy.

Kristen presented the ZA’s update. **The Town of Greensboro will be holding a public meeting on the Hazard Mitigation Plan update. The initial meeting will be held on Monday, November 23 at 6pm at Fellowship Hall. Potluck supper. All members of the GPC are invited to attend.** Valdine Hall had requested two GPC members to join the steering committee for the Hazard Mitigation Plan update. Lily McAteer volunteered to serve in this capacity. Kristen will talk to Valdine about the timing and the needed commitment level and forward the information to the GPC by email.

The Municipal Planning Grant is being reviewed at this time. Decisions will be announced by the end of November. The first 40% of grant funds can be requested as soon as the grant agreement has been signed. The GPC will know before the next scheduled meeting. Kristen will forward the decision to everyone electronically.

If the Municipal Planning Grant is not received, the GPC will need to review their next steps. Discussion was held regarding including the survey in Greensboro Tax bills if funding is not received to mail/email a survey.

Kristen suggested inviting Alison Low to the next scheduled GPC meeting. Alison can provide a review of conducting an effective meeting and can help chart the GPC’s next steps whether or not the grant is received. General consensus was to invite Alison and, if she is unable to attend the scheduled meeting, to contact the GPC members and perhaps to change the December meeting date. Kristen will contact Alison Low.

General discussion arose regarding the purpose of the survey and what the GPC is attempting to learn about Greensboro.

The newest members were invited to choose sections for their focus. Christine Armstrong will help with Natural Resources. Lily McAteer will assist with Transportation and Housing.

The gavel was officially passed to Joe Wood for any ending remarks. Joe commended Phil for his many years of dedication and hard work as the Chair of the Greensboro Planning Commission. Phil has earned the Commission's utmost gratitude for his service.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 14, 2015 at 7pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Submitted by Kristen Leahy, Zoning Administrator

Who is Responsible for Each Section?

- I. Section 1 History (Proof reading – Okay as is) **Willie Smith**
- II. Section 2 Major Objectives **N/A**
- III. Section 3 Population (Written with NVDA)
- IV. Section 4 Land Use **Mark Snyder & Dylan Laflam (Greensboro Bend emphasis), Linda Romans**
- V. Section 5 Transportation **Kristen Leahy and Lily McAteer**
- VI. Section 6 Utilities and Facilities **Dylan Laflam**
- VII. Section 7 Natural Resources **David Miltenberger, Linda Romans, and Christine Armstrong**
- VIII. Section 8 Education **Phil Gray and Dylan Laflam**
- IX. Section 9 Energy **Mark Snyder and Dylan Laflam**
- X. Section 10 Housing (Written with NVDA) **Joe Wood and Lily McAteer**
- XI. Section 11 Economic Development **Joe Wood and Kristen Leahy**
- XII. Section 12 Recreation **Kristen Leahy**
- XIII. Section 13 Flood Resiliency (Written in 2014/15) (Proof reading Essentially) **Phil Gray**
- XIV. Section 14 Regional Impact