

MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, January 9, 2019

LOCATION: Greensboro Free Library

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Predpall, Chair; David Miltenburger, Vice Chair; Christine Armstrong (via Facetime); Kent Hansen(via GooglePhone); Carol Fairbanks; Ellen Celnick; and Jerilyn Virden

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 5:00 PM

1. Motion by Christine Armstrong to approve the new Town Plan. Seconded by David Miltenburger. Approved 6-0 (one absent, arrived late).
2. Minutes from the December 12, 2018 meeting were approved. Dan Predpall made the motion, seconded by David Miltenburger.
3. NVDA provided comments on the own Plan. The comments included adding three maps to the Appendix and fixing a couple typos. NVDA told us that the public noticing will need to be repeated to guarantee that the Town Plan can withstand legal challenges.
4. The public notice process will be restarted with a Planning Commission public meeting after a 30-day waiting period and proper noticing.
5. With regard to working with foundations who want to give us grants, we can have the 501(c)3 direct funds to the consultant or contractor rather than the Town, which is not allowed.
6. Bend Revitalization initiative update: A website has been set up (www.thebendvt.org.com) . A newsletter or mailing will be made announcing the website and providing an update on BRI activities. In addition, a Better Connections grant is being applied for. The value of the grant is \$110,000, and the grant request is being submitted on behalf of Greensboro and Hardwick. The project will focus on the rail trail route between East Hardwick and Greensboro Bend, as well as improvements and new development planning in both villages.
7. Progress on Town Plan Action Items:
 - Dan: working on two ordinances (Dangerous Buildings and Junk Vehicles)
 - Jerilyn: working on a pickleball court at Lakeview School
 - Kent: Affordable housing
 - Carol: Recreation Booklet
 - Christine: Education on buffer plantings on Caspian shoreline, septic social
 - David: Analysis of nutrient inflows to Caspian Lake
 - Ellen: Housing and Roads Committee oversight
8. February Meeting: Meeting cancelled.
9. March Meeting: Will be held on Thursday March 21st, coincident with a Planning Commission public hearing on the Town Plan.

10. Caspian Dam: Our Town Plan includes an action to evaluate the dam's condition. Greensboro Association will take this on and work towards setting a proper lake level and evaluating the condition of the dam.
11. NVDA will conduct periodic reviews of the Planning Commission's work during the eight-period planning period. The purpose of this review is to ensure that the Commission continues its work to implement policies and actions stipulated in the Plan.
12. Christine asked for hard copies of handouts.
13. Kent Hansen presented progress on affordable housing. He made contact with several state agencies who deal with housing. He recommended that Greensboro join the Vermont Affordable Housing Coalition. He also said we need to form a Housing Committee. GThe Commission decided that this is a good idea. Kent will develop a announcement that will be posted around town asking for volunteers to join the Committee. Ellen will distribute the announcements after review by the Commission.
14. A motion was made by Dan to adjourn at 6:00 PM. Seconded by Christine.