



## Minutes

### Planning Commission March 11th 2020, Library 5 PM

**Present:** Carol Fairbank, Jerilyn Virden, David Miltenberger, Kent Hansen, Christine Armstrong (via phone)

**Absent:** Linda Romans, Ellen Celnik

Meeting called to order at 5:03 PM.

Approve February's Meeting Minutes. Amended by Christine. Motion to approve by David, seconded by Kent.

#### **Greater Greensboro Task Forces Update:**

- **Wastewater Infrastructure Task Force:** Dan (via Carol)  
The Wastewater Team issued a Request for Qualifications to ten wastewater firms, asking for info about their capabilities, experience, and personnel. Six firms responded. The Team evaluated the responses and selected two firms to receive a Request for Proposal. The RFP will be issued to the two firms in March. The two firms will be brought in for interviews in April or May. The selected firm will prepare a Work Plan for use in grant applications to USDA and VDEC. The purpose of the study will be to a) select a location for the study (the village, the Bend, or Caspian Lake shoreline), and b) evaluate the feasibility of designing and installing a wastewater facility in the selected location. The survey is a first step at learning if the community is interested in pursuing a wastewater system and gathering some pertinent information.
- **Walking/Biking Paths Task Force:** Jerilyn/Ellen  
No progress since last meeting.
- **Lake Water Quality Task Force:** Christine  
Jed Feffer is interested in having Kelly Miller come to Greensboro with a team to deliver a talk about oligotrophic lakes in Vermont, to be scheduled at the end of June, either at Fellowship Hall or at the HCA. Hoping to record the session and publish to the town website and GA to educate residents. There will be a meeting in May to invite the Bend community to include them in the conversation about protecting our waterways - to be held in the Catholic Church. Motion by Kent to spend up to \$300 for talks, video, and hall rental, seconded by Jerilyn. Christine will pursue. Upcoming events include a riparian planting workshop, and a septic social, both in planning.



- **Broadband Connectivity Task Force:** Carol

The town of Greensboro voted at town meeting to join NEK Community Broadband, our newly formed Communications Union District. I have been nominated to represent Greensboro on the CUD board, along with representatives from 26 other Kingdom towns. Other subcommittees are performing market research and surveying residents about their current service and future needs. We are also beginning to explore our options to improve access to cellular service.

**Bylaw Assessment Teams Update:**

- **Lakeshore District Issues / Rental Management Bylaw Update:** Christine & David  
Christine and David will be going to the Select Board meeting in April to answer questions on the draft bylaw changes. Next steps will be to have a consultant review and refine, attorney review, Select Board review and hearing.

**Housing Committee Update:** Kent and Ellen

Next meeting will be April 1. The committee is developing a vision of where we would want to see housing in 10 years, prioritizing projects and bylaw changes by importance and timeline. The committee will seek input from the PC, then begin researching funding and grants. Some projects include GIS overlay mapping to identify available land.

**Bend Revitalization Update:** Carol

- Good progress on the beautification project, several yards will receive ornamental plantings, and work will be done on the park garden come spring - we received a \$1K VCF grant to cover plants, freeing up GPC money that had been earmarked.
- The BRI and Walkability task forces will combine efforts on the rail trail. Dan will reapply for the Better Connections grant - we came in fourth last year and were encouraged to apply again, so our chances are decent.
- There appears to have been progress getting junk cars out of yards since the ordinance has been in place.

**Planning Commission Budget:** 2020-2021 - Approved at town meeting.

**New Business:** No new business.

The next Planning Commission meeting will be April, 8 2020 at 5 PM in the library.

Motion to adjourn at 5:47 PM made by David, seconded by Jerilyn.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Fairbank, Chair