



TOWN OF CONCORD
PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD
OCTOBER 13, 2016 MEETING MINUTES
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Members Present: Cynthia Stuart, Chair, Jim Gochie, Stuart Gray, Linda Hartwell

Members Absent: Judy Kurtz

Board Secretary Present: Linda Hartwell

Other Officials Present: Alan Smith, Zoning Administrator

Citizens Present: George Morehouse, NVDA Representative Irene Nagle

Cynthia brought the meeting to order 4:30 p.m.

I. **Approval of October 13, 2016 Agenda**

Jim made the motion to accept the October 13th agenda. Stuart seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

II. **Approval of September 8, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

Stuart made the motion to approve the September 8th minutes. Jim seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (3-0). Cynthia abstained from the vote as she was not at the September meeting.

III. **Citizen's Concerns**

There were no citizen's concerns

IV. **Zoning Administrator Report**

Alan reported that he has received a few applications, but generally things have been slow. He said there will need to be another hearing for an expansion of a non-confirming structure but he has not received the application yet.

V. **Municipal Planning Grants**

Irene Nagle was at the meeting to discuss Municipal Planning Grants that are available. The grant applications are due October 31st. Judy had contacted Irene and talked with her about some of the areas the town may be interested in. Irene said there is a water and wastewater feasibility grant, but she indicated that there are grants available through USDA that might be a more appropriate funding source.

Another grant Irene thought Concord might have interest in exploring allows the town to evaluate areas that have natural resource potential to develop a scenic overlay district.

The third option Irene mentioned is the siting of energy products. Irene said Act 174 passed this year which relates to improving the siting of energy products. However, the State hasn't come up with the standards yet and a change in government may change how this is enacted.

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Cynthia mentioned the bike path in East Burke and asked if writing a grant to study possibility of connecting Kingdom Trails to Concord would be appropriate.

Irene said she could write a grant if the board wanted her to. The board agreed that they would like to look into facilitating additional connections to Kingdom Trails for bike paths along with studying opportunities to promote/expand the ATV riding options in Concord. Irene will proceed with working on framing a proposal for a grant application.

Finally, the board also discussed looking into the possibility of having more broadband available in Concord. Other towns seems to be exploring and implementing broadband and/or cell tower options. The board discussed researching this further for future board conversations.

VI. **Continuation of Bylaw Amendment Discussion**

The board felt like there did not need to be any more changes to the bylaws. Linda made the motion to submit the revised bylaws to the Selectboard for their approval. Jim seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

VII **Falling Planning & Zoning Forum**

Cynthia informed members that the VT League of Cities & Towns Fall Planning and Zoning Forum will be held on November 2nd in Montpelier for any board members interested in attending. Alan said he is planning on attending.

VIII. **Executive Session if Warranted**

The board did not meet in executive session.

Jim made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:23 p.m. Stuart seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 10th, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Hartwell, Board Secretary

Cynthia Stuart, Chair

Jim Gochie

Stuart Gray

Linda Hartwell

Judy Kurtz

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