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PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OCTOBER 6, 2020

Present at meeting: Katie Raycroft-Meyer, Chair, Bill Brown, Co-Chair, Tom Wallace, Jeff Lunstead, Kevin Hanson, Robert Rooker, William Sayre, Lloyd Dike

Kris Perlee, Zoning Administrator
Andrew L'Roe, Addison County Regional Planning Commission

Bristol Residents:

Sara Granstrom
Sarah Scott
Howard Jennings
Sally Burrell

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM.

Minutes for 9/15/2020 were approved

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Public comments on the Bristol Town Plan were the center of tonight's meeting. In addition, the PC discussed submitting the plan to the Bristol Selectboard for a subsequent Public Hearing.

Katie reviewed the changes made to the Town Plan. Those changes were sent to Valerie Capels, Town Administrator in a Memorandum dated 10/6/2020. The Memorandum was compiled to satisfy the requirements of 24 V.S.A. – 4385. Changes that were included in the Memorandum included: addition of Enhanced Energy Plan; new Flood Resilience and Hazards section; updated goals and policies for each

section of the entire Plan; updated Implementation Plan; and other minor changes.

Comments by residents:

Sara Scott – She stated that the PC has a “lot on your plate. How are you going to implement all of the changes?” Katie stated that many of the changes will be shared with a number of Bristol organizations. In addition, the PC will be divided into two sections that will alleviate the workload.

Sara also asked about the Enhanced Energy Play. Rob, Katie and Kris described that two year ago the PC started to work on this document in order to meet State statutes concerning energy production and conservation. Inclusion of this document in the Plan gives Bristol more input into energy issues.

Walter Jennings – He remarked on the solar array that is proposed to be erected at the Town Dump. He also asked about wildlife crossings. Andrew, in connection with this comment described the work done by the PC on Forest Blocks and why they were important for the environment.

Sarah Granstrom – Following the above, asked how the forest blocks and conservation areas impacted the use of these lands. Bill Sayre, who stated that he works for Johnson (lumber business) stated that Johnson endeavors to strike a balance between environmental and business concerns.

Sally Burrell – She pointed out that some the vital statistics should be updated. Andrew said that he would get the most recent data and incorporate into the Plan if feasible.

Motion was made to close the Public Hearing. That motion was passed. (Note: Ms. Burrell joined the meeting after the Public Hearing was closed. The Public Hearing was reopened to accommodate Ms. Burrell.)

After the closure of the Public Hearing the following motion was introduced by Bill Brown (with the help of all present):

I move to approve the town plan dated 9/1/2020 and the accompanying planning commission memo dated 10/6/2020 along with non-substantive changes expressed at the public hearing on 10/06/2020. The plan shall now be moved to the Selectboard.

The motion was unanimously passed.

Andrew will send the completed Town Plan to the Selectboard.

Adjournment

The meeting ended at 8:21 PM.