

TOWN OF KILLINGTON PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes from the Meeting of March 29, 2023

Public meeting held at the Public Safety Building and remotely via Zoom teleconference

PRESENT: Jennifer Iannantuoni, Chair
Vince Wynn*
Young Namkung*
Andy Salamon
Ricky Bowers
Lisa Davis Lewis, Planning Consultant

START: 7:02 p.m.
END: 9:16 p.m.

GUEST ATTENDEES: Curt Peterson*
Devon Neary
Jim Haff

*Participants attending via *Zoom* video conferencing

1. Open Meeting

Jennifer Iannantuoni, Chair opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

The Chair requested a motion to approve the meeting agenda as may be amended. There being no amendments, Bowers made a motion to approve the Agenda as amended. Wynn seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes

The Chair requested a motion to approve the draft minutes from March 1, 2023, Meeting. There being no amendments, Bowers made a motion to approve the minutes as amended and Wynn seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Citizen Input

None

6. Updates and Reports

- **Town Plan** – Before starting the discussion on the 2 chapters, the Chair reiterated the process for reviewing the document. She indicated that at the meeting the Commission will discuss goals and action items. Following the meeting Maggie O'Brien will issue an updated chapter. Commissioners should then review each chapter and provide comments to Lisa. This procedure is necessary to meet the timeline that the Commission established with the RRPC. Wynn commented that he believes this process is disjointed and would like to have the opportunity to review and discuss updated drafts of each chapter. Devon Nary explained that the heart of the town plan is really the goals and action items and that much of the information contained in the 2015 plan is descriptive and does not need to belong in the plan. He explained that this information was a useful tool in the past but is no longer needed since most of this information can be found online. Following this discussion Lisa

Davis Lewis updated the Commission on the Enhanced Energy Plan. She indicated that she met with Barbara and Maggie of RRPC to review whether we should prepare an enhanced energy plan. Given the time required (6+months) to prepare such a plan, it was agreed that this would be an action item that could be done as an amendment to the new plan. Davis Lewis also suggested that the Commission should consider hiring a consultant to prepare a viewshed analysis. This would provide protection should someone propose an energy facility such as a wind turbine that would impact a view that is considered important to the town. Devon Neary then led a lively discussion on goals and action items for the Facilities and Utilities section. The Chair offered to rewrite the education chapter. Since the adoption of the 2015 plan, the town has joined a regional school district and much of the text is no longer accurate. Davis Lewis also offered to rewrite the section on the Fire Department since the town has transitioned from the volunteer fire department to a hybrid department. Revisions to these chapters will be circulated to the Commission for their review.

- **Municipal Planning Grant** –The Town was not awarded a Municipal Planning Grant. Devon explained that the state underfunded this grant and only one grant was awarded to Rutland County. He suggested that we reapply next year. Davis Lewis informed the Commission that she has reached out to the project manager from the state to find out why they did not fund this application. Devon indicated that was a good idea.
 - **TIF** – The bond resolution passed. Davis Lewis reported that the contract for Phase I of the water project has been bid and that bids are due on May 11, 2023. She also indicated that the Town is applying for a loan from the USDA for the road project. The loan application is due on April 14, 2023.
 - **TA Grant** – The Selection Committee chose VHB to perform the study. VHB submitted a proposed and the Committee is meeting on April 3, 2023 to review the proposal.
 - **VOREC Grant** – Davis Lewis informed the Planning Commission that the Town filed for reimbursement.
7. **Commissioner's Concerns** – Wynn requested that the Town Manager appear before the Planning Commission on a quarterly basis to update the Commission on the PC Reserve Fund. Everyone thought this was a good idea and requested that Davis Lewis follow up with the Town Manager.
8. **Executive Session** – The Planning Commission went into Executive Session at 8:35 PM to discuss legal matters. The PC came out of Executive Session at 9:15 PM. No action was taken. None
9. **Next Meeting** – April 19, 2023
10. **Adjourn** – Wynn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 pm. Salamon seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Davis Lewis
Planning Consultant

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