Craftsbury Town Planning Commission
Meeting
Monday, March 18, 2013
7:00 pm Craftsbury Town Hall

Minutes

Present: Linda Wells, Tim Patterson, Dave Rowell, Farley Brown, Sharon Moffatt

Absent: Robert Alexander, Mark Dunbar, Tony Jones, Gordon Waterhouse, Susan Houston

1. Approve Minutes of January meeting
2. Report Progress**:**
   a. State permitting information on Craftsbury website has been updated by Carol Ceraldi, with a link to State of Vermont electronic handbook. Dave suggested adding the town's website to the signs outside the town.
   b. Updating Town Planning Map: Dave is taking map to Wayne Mutrux for updating. He explained the purpose of the map to members of the public attending the meeting.

3. Town Vision: There was a discussion at the last meeting about developing a town vision. Farley spoke about the possibility of looking beyond a town plan, which is a statement about the town's current resources, to a longer-term vision which includes public participation. This could be done through surveys, boxes at stores, informational meetings in town neighborhoods. Farley handed out part of 'A guide to community visioning'. The last town survey was done in 2004. Linda suggested revisiting this discussion at the next meeting when more members are present; Farley will present more specific ideas at that meeting as well.

4. Other business: There was discussion about addressing speed on the Common. The committee agreed to endorse the idea of speed bumps to help protect the safety of residents on the Common, particularly school and college students.

   East Hill Preschool: The committee reviewed the Education section of the Town Plan and there is no mention of preschool in it. East Hill Preschool closed for the 2013-2014 school year based on low enrollments and financial issues. Anne Hanson spoke about her understanding of the closure and her idea about changing the model for a preschool in Craftsbury with a goal of being nature-based. She is having a visioning meeting this coming Saturday at the Town Hall. Questions were raised about the funding and location for the school and the complications of both issues. The committee discussed adding 'preschool' to the Town Plan for education.

   NVDA Update: Farley talked about bills currently in the legislature regarding industrial wind. NVDA wind sub-committee is working on their study.

There was a brief discussion about the Town/Village designation through the State. The couple who bought the former Craftsbury Inn spoke about their ideas to make changes to the structure in a way that is in keeping with the town's identity.

Next Meeting: April 22, 7:00 pm, Town Hall