Craftsbury Planning Commission
March 11, 2021 Minutes - Draft

Farley opened the meeting at 7:12 p.m. (Glitches with the Town Hall Modem and efforts to “Zoom” the meeting contributed to the later start)

Farley welcomed Alison Low from the NVDA to begin the Public Hearing of the Craftsbury Energy Plan. Alison’s entire discussion was sent out to all of us on 3/14/21 under separate email; so I won’t repeat here.
The public hearing began at 7:15, and ended at 7:22p.m.

Farley then opened the regular Planning Commission meeting directly afterward.
Dave moved, with Rudy seconding acceptance of the minutes from our previous month’s minutes.
Minutes were approved.

Next, there was a discussion with Alison regarding the “Better Connections Grant”.
We will possibly hear of the acceptance of this grant and it was suggested that forming a committee to oversee the disbursement of the funds would be a prudent measure.
It was noted that Glover has a similar plan. Perhaps we can learn from them without re-inventing the wheel.

Village Infrastructure Planning: Amelia suggested that a steering committee could be developed incorporating business owners, village residents, and the road safety committee in an effort to properly address the needs of the Village.
Rudy suggested that Federal stimulus money may become available for projects such as Wastewater; Broadband; and other infrastructure projects. This is a developing story, and we should stay tuned-in.

Alison Low updated our group about the Yellowbarn Project in Hardwick; and some of the individual companies and entities that are committed to the project, or have expressed interest. Project completion is scheduled for October, 2022.

Alison also discussed the Hazardous Mitigation Plan. FEMA funds may become available. Susie asked about details and the timeline, and a possible extension based on COVID related delays.

There was then some discussion regarding Craftsbury Outdoor Center visitors parking along the Creek Road; and accessing trails. We discussed potentially posting signage where trails cross the road(s); as well as other potential parking areas and solutions.
Lucas suggested that Sheldon from the COC be invited as a guest to our next meeting.

We were informed that the Water District ordinance for the Common would not be taken up by the Planning Commission.

Farley then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Dave Rowell made the motion, and Ross Davis seconded.
Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Rudy Chase