

Cambridge Planning Commission Meeting Minutes- DRAFT until approved in subsequent PC meetings.

Start: 6:35pm. Sept. 28, 2015 Attendees: Werner B, April E, Richard W, Michael M, Jill R, Brian A.

Jean Jenkauskas representing the Jeffersonville Planning Commission.

Review Agenda: No additional items added.

The Cambridge PC and Jeff PC met to update each other on ongoing projects and areas of mutual interest.

CPC discussed recent updates work of the CPC including Town Plan, Flood Hazards and Subdivision regs updates.

Jean discussed recent work of the JPC and Jeff Village in general including stormwater projects and grants they have or will be working on. Jean feels Stormwater will be the next State of VT emphasis in planning, Town Plans, etc. Jean discussed a project to mitigate runoff from the elementary school bus parking area and rain barrels as examples of their stormwater projects.

Jeff PC will also be looking at their water supplies near Edward's Road. April E suggested Jeff do this soon as some lands are changing hands there. This has been a topic of interest for many years. CPC and others have repeatedly brought to attn. of Jeff Village the importance of looking into this over the years.

There was also discussion centered on the work of the villages and the town and how their different efforts can compliment each other. And how we can learn from the work of each other. The Jeff sidewalks and stormwater work were contrasted with Camb village traffic study work. Jean brought up the collaboration btwn the town and Jeff village regarding Brewster River flooding mitigation.

Brian A brought up the potential for the Jeff PC and Camb PC to think about joint actions, activities. He has informally discussed this with others in Town and found interest. Of interest was a model whereby the PCs actually merged staffing, but retained separate planning rules, bylaws, whatever. The merged staff could be representative of both municipalities and conduct business on behalf of the municipalities. This would address challenges around our limited volunteers and skill sets within our small community. It also addresses the fact that we all live in the same community and that planning can be broader to the community rather than broken up parts of the community. There was also mention of the VCRD governance committee work and reports about areas of duplicated services within our municipalities. There are several services provided to both villages and the town by one entity- like conservation commission. Brian A will continue to informally speak with folks about this.

Review past mtg minutes: Aug and Sept mtg minutes were reviewed and approved. **Jill R** updated the PC regarding **Seth Jensen** (LCPC) conversation of how the municipality might address oversight of State permits for wetlands, water, wastewater. There are ways our municipality could provide some oversight to ensure permits are adhered to, regardless of lack of jurisdiction.... This will be a continuing conversation. **Jill** also updated **Richard W** about non subdivision permit notices the PC receives from the state. Jill and Richard want to see the plat/map submitted, but it is not yet posted online.

Review Mail: quick glance, nothing pressing, but further review necessary. Especially with regard to the PC bylaws stating the PC must call mtgs to review any act 250 minor applications to determine if a full act 250 mtg should be requested. Another continuing conversation here.

7:45- meeting was closed so the PC could attend the Selectboard mtg and update them on the recent conversations with the DRB to make additional changes to the subdivision regs.

Some in the selectboard were seemingly upset that additional changes were being requested after the most recent effort. The PC described the process as one of the first times the DRB and PC have collaborated this much to address concerns with the subdivision bylaws. The PC also seemed to agree that subdivision regs updates could be a continuous process that is always refining to ensure the DRB has the best tools at hand rather than waiting for long periods of time and not getting optimal DRB results. The PC also described the subdivision update process as having a steep learning curve for the PC and that the DRB is changing too and getting better at its work. The selectboard suggested that perhaps the additional subdivision regs might not need full public review and could be approved by the selectboard as an addendum. **Mike M** will discuss this possibility with **Seth J**.