



Upper Valley Lake Sunapee
Regional Planning Commission

UVLSRPC Full Commission Meeting

Wednesday, August 28, 2013

10 Water Street, Lebanon, NH 03766

Approved October 23, 2013

Commissioners Present:

Thain Allan – Grantham
Bill Bittinger – At-Large
Dan Brand - Lyme
Kate Connolly - Hanover
Bob Crane – New London
Jonathan Edwards - Hanover
Ann Green – Orford
Peter Guillette – Claremont
Kathryn Holmes - Newbury
Jeff Kessler - Newport
Dan Kiley - Enfield
Larry LeClair - Lebanon

Kevin Lee - Springfield
George McCusker - Springfield
Ken Morley – Grafton Cty
Dan Nash - Lebanon
Harry Pease - Orford
Thomas Rock - Claremont
William Schroeter - Unity
Linda Scofield - Wilmot
Bob Trabka - Unity
Bill Trought - Dorchester
Josh Trow - Sunapee
Richard Wahrich – Claremont

Joanna Whitcomb - Hanover

Others Attending:

Christine Frost, Staff
Chris Courtemanche, Staff
Nate Miller, Staff
Adam Ricker, Staff
Rachel Ruppel, Staff
Guests: Emma Crane, Jennifer
Gilbert (NH Office of Energy
and Planning)

1. Call to Order

Chair Larry LeClair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Welcome new Commissioners:

Chair Larry LeClair welcomed Bill Bittinger - At-Large Member, Katheryn Holmes-Newbury, and Dan Nash - Lebanon, Thomas Rock - Claremont, and Richard Wahrich - Claremont.

3. Presentation:

Jennifer Gilbert from the NH Office of Energy and Planning regarding the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) provided an overview of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) information about New Hampshire's participation in the NFIP. Jennifer noted an overview of flood insurance and how rates are currently determined and how some rates will be impacted by the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 and then she discussed in more detail which property owners will be impacted by the Act and by how much. The Act implemented was in order to charge actuarial rates and pay off accumulated debt from previous disasters around the country.

4. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from June 18, 2013 were approved amending the addition of Kate Connolly and name correction for Sam Greene. *Dan Kiley moved to approve the Minutes of June 18, 2013; Jeff Kessler provided a second. Motion carried.*

5. Committee Appointments:

Larry LeClair offered Joanna Whitcomb the floor to explain the role of being on the Program Committee and asked for any nominations but there were no volunteers at this time. Larry LeClair asked for a motion to approve the committee members as presented in the Commission packets. *Peter Guillette moved to*

approve the motion to accept the Committee nominations; Thain Allan provided a second.

Motion carried. In addition, Larry LeClair noted that the Nominating Committee would be formed at a February 2014 Commission meeting.

6. Fiscal Year 2015 Dues:

Thain Allan reported that the Finance and Executive Committee's reviewed the options for the proposed FY15 municipal dues and recommends Option 2, CPI increase of 1.8%. Thain Allan also noted that the Commission will use the New England CPI next year. *Motion was made by Dan Kiley to use Option 2 for the FY 15 municipal dues; Kevin Lee provided a second. Motion carried.*

7. Overview of the "Our Regional Future":

Christine Frost reported that a phone survey was completed and ten meetings will be set up throughout the region for which invites will go out to all Board of Selectmen, City Council members and Planning Board members and Conservation Commissions as well as any municipal staff.

8. Committee Reports:

Finance – Thain Allan reported that 2013 was a strong fiscal year and that is due to the hard work of the Commission staff. Thain Allan also noted that, as authorized by the Commission a reserve fund of \$69,000 has been set up with Lake Sunapee Savings Bank. In addition, the audit will be conducted in September.

9. Announcements:

Christine Frost announced that Peter Gregory - At-Large member has been elected the President of the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) and Christine voted in as a new Board member. In addition, Christine Frost reported that Nate Miller has been asked by NADO to participate in discussions that will provide input to the reauthorization of "Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act" (MAP 21). Also Christine Frost asked the Commission members if they were interested in the Fall Newsletter being a spotlight on Commissioners. The Commissioners were receptive to this idea; therefore, the Fall Newsletter will highlight the Commissioners.

8. Commissioner Town Announcements

Linda Schofield reported that Wilmot had Farmer's Markets this summer other than that not much to report.

Richard Wahrich reported that Claremont is going through zoning rules and regulatory changes.

Bob Crane reported that New London Planning Board is working on tree identification for shoreland protection and a Committee has been set up to simplify the process.

Katheryn Holmes reported that Newbury has partnered with Ausbon Sargent and the Lake Sunapee Protective Association on the Stony Brook project. Newbury also broke ground on a HUD funded project for elderly housing

Ann Green reported that Orford's Planning Board is in the process of reviewing their sub-division rules.

Harry Pease reported that the Orford Conservation Committee has been dealing with invasive plants.

Dan Kiley reported the Enfield finished the sewer projects.

Thomas Rock reported that Claremont is finishing their downtown zoning. The Community Center opened this spring and High School will be renovated.

Peter Guillette reported that the Claremont is trying to improve their parks by planting trees, etc. Peter noted that the Commission has helped Claremont with many projects and suggest that more communities take advantage of Commission services.

Joanna Whitcomb reported that the Hanover Conservation Committee is hosting "Ticked off" on Wednesday, September 11, and they are hoping to have it filmed.

Ken Morley –in Lebanon industrial park on 12A will be developed and another project by Centre Park is on hold due to sewer issues.

Dan Brand – reported that Lyme has committees that are very active for aging in place and rideshare. The Master Plan is being updated with help of Commission staff. Lyme now has a Roads Committee initiated by the fact that River Road is falling into the Connecticut River.

Bob Trabka reported that Unity is working on their Master Plan and also still working on building a new school.

Bill Trought reported that Dorchester is renovating the old school house.

Josh Trow reported that the Sunapee Cove in Georges Mills is opening a new Assisted Living facility; Conservation Commission is working on a 100 acre parcel (Wendell Marsh North) and conserved as town forest with two wells on site.

George McCusker reported that Springfield is finishing up paving on Route 114; just finished a renovation of the town hall steeple; conducting a survey to move the salt and sand shed.

Kevin Lee reported that Springfield has been working on their Wetlands grant; site plan reviews

Jeff Kessler reported that Newport has been pretty quiet this summer. One concern is that Sturm Ruger is building a factory in North Carolina; Newport is concerned that they may move the current site to North Carolina.

Nate Miller reported that the ten-year plan should be released later this week and will be followed by the Governor's Advisory Committee on Intermodal Transportation (GACIT) hearings which are scheduled for September 9 at 8am in Charlestown and 11am in Lebanon.

Larry LeClair reported that Lebanon is working on their zoning ordinances.

Thain Allan said that Grantham has been working with the Commission on their Hazard Mitigation plan.

9. Adjournment:

Peter Guillette moved to adjourn seconded by Joanna Whitcomb at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Chris Courtemanche, UVLSRPC Administrative Assistant