

Readsboro Planning Commission
Minutes of Thursday, October 11, 2018
6:00 PM at the Bullock Building
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Present: Eunice Crowell, Helyn Strom Henriksen, Susan Bailey

Meeting called to order by Chair at 6:00 PM

Review of June 28, 2018 Meeting Minutes; motion made by Eunice, seconded by Susan, all in favor, approved as written.

Old Business:

Helyn brought the Commissioners up to date regarding plans for Municipal Center/Town Garage and Fire Station buildings. Initial plans were submitted to Crane and Assoc., for the design and layout of space for those departments that submitted space requests. Community Library is not in the plan because they did not submit a request for space and had indicated they would remain in the School Building. An update to the Community Library is that they are rethinking a change (but it is too late for them to be included at this time).

New Business:

Eunice and John Whitman attended a meeting regarding the Policies, Regional Plan Topic Summaries and Policies, Land Use Summary and Polices as part of the Windham Regional Plan, as Adopted September 30, 2014. Eunice brought the document to the Planning Commission Meeting for our review and information. (This document is attached to the paper minutes and will be placed in the Planning Commission Binder for interested parties.) Planning Commission spent some time reviewing this information and will continue to review update information as appropriate in the Zoning Bylaw and or Town Plan. Most appear to be similar to both at this time but this is still a draft document. A new Land Use Map will also be updated by WRC.

Readsboro Hometown Redevelopment, Inc. has completed the Catamount Trail Parking Lot at 7748 Route 100. A brief meeting was held on Saturday, Oct. 8th to

officially open the parking lot. Several attended including Sam Bartlett representing Catamount Trail Association and DASA. An information sheet and new maps for the Kiosk were supplied by Jeff Nugent, WRC. Readsboro Hometown is pleased with the site as it offers about 10 parking spaces for those using the Catamount Trail. The Map and Legend in the Kiosk also includes the Village Area, designates local landmarks in the Village and speaks to the History of the Catamount Trail that is located on the old Hoosac Tunnel and Wilmington Railroad Bed (Hoot Toot and Whistle). This section of the trail is the “southern gateway” to the Trail that goes to the Canadian Border and into Massachusetts (approx. 300 miles). Additional maps will be placed in various locations in the Village and Town.

An update to the Bylaw was discussed as it was last amended in 2013. Planning Commission will seek Municipal Grant in the next year.

Helyn shared that a Joe Berard is the new Selectboard member replacing Jim Franzinelli who resigned to accept a job that required relocation.

There were no issues from the Acting Zoning Administrator at this meeting.

There being no further business, Eunice made motion to adjourn, seconded by Sue, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Bailey, Chair