

READSBORO PLANNING COMMISSION  
Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
Readsboro School Resource Room-7:00 PM

The meeting was brought to order at 7pm with the following members present: Susan Bailey, Chair, Inger Strom-Henriksen, Forrest Hicks, Priscilla Margola, Secretary, Jason Klump, ZA was absent. Guest: John Bennett, WRC.

The minutes of February 17<sup>th</sup> were read and corrections made. Forrest made a Motion to approve the minutes with corrections and Inger seconded, so approved. PC asked that Becky Stone update the web site to show that all minutes including the 17<sup>th</sup> of February have been approved and should so be indicated. Also the Town Plan approved May 2015 is not on the Web site and should be. The Town Clerk has the original Town Plan and she can give it to Becky Stone so that she can include it.

Forrest asked that the day of our meetings be changed to the third Thursday of each month at 6:00pm instead of the third Wednesday. The Select board holds their meetings on the third Wednesday and members of the PC who wish to attend find it to be a conflict. After discussion, Inger made a Motion to change the day of our monthly meetings to the third Thursday, same time, 6:pm with Priscilla seconding, so approved.

John Bennett stated to Susan that the approval of our Town Plan for Village Center designation has to be done by the first Monday in May 2016. The WRC has to hold a public hearing in May and notify all surrounding towns to come and view the plan. So it is important to get all the sections of the Plan reviewed with those persons assigned to each, so that any adjustments can be made to improve the language to make it clear to all who read it.

John brought a map showing the Flood and Fluvial Erosion Hazard Area streams in Town. This along with the current maps that we have been given are an indication of where the floodplain areas are, and the importance of mapping the river corridors and major streams.

John will ask Jeff Nugent to make copies of updated maps for our Town Plan.

PC spoke about the updated Village Center, where it extends from the Tunnel Street junction of Rte. 100 over to Branch Hill and the importance of the area within. With a designated Village Center, we can qualify for grants to improve those historic buildings. This will make our Village Center most important to the health of the Town.

PC discussed Act 48 and how it pertains to Waste Management. We have bins at the Village landfill for papers and cardboard, cans, bottles. Larger items such as old refrigerators or washer/dryers are recycled in a different way. There is a bin for books which are recycled apart from the paper and cardboard.

A survey was distributed at the Town Meeting asking residents what and how did they want their town to improve and why. We are awaiting receipt of those surveys. Forrest asked if the new Town Plan once it is approved, if it could have a cover sheet in color like the 2010 plan.

Hearing no further business, our next meeting will be on the third Thursday at 7pm as approved by Motion.

Priscilla Margola, Secretary  
Approved with corrections  
April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016