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**PLANNING COMMISSION**

**March 9, 2009**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Fred Glover                      Christine Fuller                      Steve Stengel  
Terry Carter

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Phil Dunwoody                      Norman Vanasse

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Lisha Klaiber, Recorder

**1. Call to Order**

- A. Fred Glover called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m. The meeting was delayed due to lack of quorum. Terry Carter was called and arrived at 6:42.
- B. Roll call by Recording Secretary –Phil Dunwoody and Norman Vanasse were absent.
- C. Fred Glover advised everyone that Peter Crowley has resigned from the board. He added that Alan Couch has expressed an interest in the position. He suggested having an alternate in case they lack a quorum in the future.

**2. Town Plan Workshop**

- A. Fred Glover recounted that the board has decided to look at the various sections of the existing town plan and see what needs to remain, what needs to be removed and what updates are necessary.
- B. Christine Fuller suggested that they begin tonight with Community Profile as Norman Vanasse is not present and it would be better to discuss the introduction when he is present as he did the preliminary work. Christine Fuller read the first paragraph.
- C. Fred Glover read information on town plan requirements from a document they had been given.
- D. Christine Fuller said that they need new statistics regarding population growth. They also need to get figures for demographic movements from the village to the town. She suggested that the Regional Planning Commission may have more recent statistics.
- E. Fred Glover said he would call the Regional Planning Commission.
- F. Christine Fuller advised that new charts are needed with updated figures for the schools. These charts included total student enrolment and changes over the past years.
- G. Terry Carter said that she would call the State Department of Education and do the section on Education.

- H. Fred Glover said that they may have to consider re-adopting the current town plan and hold off on adopting a new one until the 2010 census. The deadline for the town plan is either September or October of this year.
- I. Christine Fuller suggested that they may want to focus on items that may pose problems for the DRB, Act 250 and the Environmental court.
- J. Terry Carter said that she would call Rose Goings to find out what some of those issues might be.
- K. Fred Glover said that Act 250 has ten criteria for granting permits. One of those is that the proposed project must conform to both the town plan and regional plan.
- L. Terry Carter said that when she calls Rose Goings, she will also ask her about getting speakers in from Regional to help with the town plan.
- M. Fred Glover said that he will try to find out what figures and statistics are available outside of the census.
- N. Christine Fuller read from a section that described educational levels in the town and village.
- O. Terry Carter said that she does not think that that data has to be included. She noted that the West Fairlee town plan does not include it.
- P. Steve Stengel asked what input the elected officials of the town and village may give to this board.
- Q. Fred Glover said that when this board completes its first draft, it would hold public hearings and get input at them. After the public hearings are complete and any changes are made, this board will submit the draft document to the Select Board. That is usually when most of their input is received.
- R. Steve Stengel said that members of this board should go to the Select Board and Village Trustees meetings and ask for their input and guidance.
- S. Christine Fuller referred to a section that describes how the town and village populations are laid out.
- T. Fred Glover said that a community profile is not a requirement for a town plan.
- U. Steve Stengel said that a town plan tells where the town is going. How does this board know where people want the town to go?
- V. Christine Fuller said there was some input from the survey
- W. Terry Carter said that this board could keep only what they need and or want from the current town plan.
- X. Christine Fuller read the section on Special Populations and said that part of it refers to Gill Home and Gill Terrace. She will call Leslie and get figures from her. She added that seasonal population data also needs to be updated. Bonnie McPherson at Okemo may have that information.
- Y. Fred Glover said that he will call Okemo and the Vermont Environmental Board on that.
- Z. It was noted that for when the current town plan was being put together, the Planning Commission had received grant money and Burnt Rock had compiled much of the statistical data.
- AA. Terry Carter said that she will get the year-round population from Ulla Cook.
- BB. Christine Fuller suggested leaving the Goals section pretty much as is. She indicated that the majority of the people who voiced their opinions in the survey were second homeowners.
- CC. Terry Carter said that two of the major issues that were commented on in the survey were village appearance and protection of natural resources.
- DD. Fred Glover said that the survey provided some good input from homeowners.
- EE. Christine Fuller said that just about finished the Community Profile section.
- FF. The board agreed not to begin another section.

3. **Adjourn**

- A. **MOTION by Christine Fuller and seconded by Terry Carter to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.**
- B. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.
- C. Next regular meeting will be March 17, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. It will include the public hearing for Champlain Oil.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisha Klaiber

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Fred Glover, Chairman

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Christine Fuller

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Terry Carter

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Steve Stengel

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Phil Dunwoody

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Norman Vanasse