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PLANNING COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING

March 23, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Fred Glover
Terry Carter

Christine Fuller
Steve Stengel

Norman Vanasse

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Phil Dunwoody

1. Call to Order

- A. Fred Glover called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Roll call by Recording Secretary – all members present except Phil Dunwoody.

2. Town Plan Workshop

- A. Fred Glover said that he spoke to Frank Heald regarding the progress being made on the town plan. He explained that the consulting agency, Burnt Rock had done much of the work accumulating statistics.
- B. Christine Fuller said that the town plan could be updated on a continuing basis. The board can make needed changes to the current town plan and add statistics when the 2010 census figures are available. She would like to ask Rose Goings to set up a date for people from Regional to come to a meeting.
- C. Norman Vanasse advised that he told Rose Goings the dates set by the Planning Commission for meetings.
- D. Christine Fuller asked Norman Vanasse if he had been able to get the information that he had volunteered to get at the previous meeting.
- E. Norman Vanasse said no.
- F. Terry Carter said that she had gotten the town birth and death rates, information about mobile home park lot rentals and also school information.
- G. Fred Glover suggested they start tonight with Chapter 5, Local Economy. He added that this section should also be preceded by the footnote about statistics not being available until the 2010 census.
- H. Christine Fuller started reading the Overview.
- I. Fred Glover noted that the time span over which the town changed from mill to resort town should be changed to 2 ½ decades.
- J. Christine Fuller continued reading Economic Trends – Labor Force. She will check with Ulla Cook for numbers about town residential population.
- K. Fred Glover said the Department of Labor and Industry or Employment and Training would have unemployment information.

- L. Christine Fuller said she would try to call and get numbers. She read Covered Employment (positions covered by unemployment insurance.)
- M. Fred Glover said that he call Bruce Schmidt at Okemo regarding Okemo employment and employees from other countries.
- N. Terry Carter said that she would call the Vermont Joint Fiscal Office for information about livable wages.
- O. Fred Glover asked how relevant the board considered Sales figures in the town.
- P. Terry Carter said there are also figures that show comparisons with the county figures.
- Q. Christine Fuller said that it reflects sales activity and is part of the Local Economy section.
- R. Terry Carter noted that the Lincoln town plan does not have a lot of statistical data. She will email a copy of the Londonderry town plan to board members.
- S. Christine Fuller asked that they all review it before the next meeting. She thinks that maybe the board should try to get away from a lot of the “filler” in it and may also want to consider language that is easier to understand.
- T. Fred Glover said that the goals in the town plan really don’t always reflect the statistics.
- U. Steve Stengel suggested asking the Select Board what they would like to see in the town plan.
- V. Fred Glover explained that it is the responsibility of the Planning Commission to prepare a draft town plan and present it to the Select Board for their consideration.
- W. Christine Fuller advised that she had received a packet from Regional Planning that had a lot of information on Energy. She advised that she would not be at the meeting on April 14th.
- X. Fred Glover said that it is hard to interpret some of the existing information in the town plan.
- Y. Christine Fuller said they might not need to include all of the statistics that are in the existing town plan.
- Z. The board agreed to end this evening with this chapter.

3. **Adjourn**

- A. **MOTION by Christine Fuller and seconded by Norman Vanasse to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.**
- B. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.
- C. Next meeting will be April 14, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisha Klaiber

Fred Glover, Chairman

Christine Fuller

Terry Carter

Steve Stengel

Phil Dunwoody

Norman Vanasse