

BROOKLINE PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES

September 10, 2015 – 7:00 PM – Brookline Round Schoolhouse

Present : Tom Kavet, Barbara Bourne, Suzanne d’Corsey

- Meeting Called to Order: 7:12 pm
- Approved Minutes from August 13, 2015 Meeting
- Follow-Up Items from August Meeting:
 - Barbara re: WRPC support and follow-up actions associated with Hazard Mitigation/Emergency Plan.

Alyssa Sabetto of WRC suggested she and the BPC could complete plan in one session, upon which she would take the plan to the WRC. We will check Tropical Storm Irene FEMA money that came into town & for which situations- & what was not funded that should have been. Information available in town office.

- Suzanne checked with Guy regarding Town e-mail lists and their possible use for Town Plan survey purposes. PC discussed how best to invite Brookline residents to submit email addresses to the PC in order to facilitate process and lessen mailing expenses for the upcoming Brookline Town Survey. Also, how to maintain one voice per survey, & how to keep the contact information confidential, yet fairly accounted for. We discussed the idea of a numerical code on each survey, thereby maintaining confidentiality. Suzanne will follow up with potential list-serves and town website as a means to solicit email addresses, as well as at the next Town Meeting.

PC will compile a list from Brookline voters and Grand List from town office; and see if Windham Regional has advice.

Timeline- deferred- not much has changed. Tom will create calendar.

Charlie Ezequiel provided a draft of the FY16 Municipal Planning Grant application. (John Bennett at WRC will assist with the form, too. Deadline is 9-30-15.) We reviewed the application & discussed answers. PC will compare answers

with previous plan, determine who the Municipal authorizing official is; Tom will create draft version for the PC to review by 9-15-15.

- New Business

- Correspondence: from Barbara-

- Via email- The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will hold an informal public meeting from 6-8 p.m. at Leland & Gray Union High School in Townshend on September 16th, regarding the release of the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge draft comprehensive conservation plan and environmental impact statement for public review and comment. The draft is available for public review and comment through November 16, 2015.

(please note this program has been postponed)

Via Windham Regional email–Green Infrastructure (GI) presents significant opportunities for Vermont municipalities to reduce the impacts of stormwater on municipal budgets and assets while protecting vital natural resources. Meetings Tuesday, September 15th from 9:30 am – noon at the Jamaica Town Hall, 3537 Route 30, Jamaica, VT or Wednesday, September 16th from 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm at the Brattleboro Food Co-op Community Room.

On Sept 24- meeting regarding Hazard Mitigation plan- Tom & Barbara will attend. Tom printed out and the PC discussed potential hazard list- In Brookline primarily flooding, and power outages. Less often but present: Tornado. Highway accidents. Ice storm, hurricane, forest fires. Air crash. Invasive species, drought. Hail storm. Dam breakage, beaver pond flooding. Lyme disease.

- Other – new mail- The draft of the Town Plan for Putney Vermont
- Discussed Agenda Items for October 8, 2015 Meeting- discuss hazard mitigation & any follow up from Windham Regional.
- Adjournment 8:17 pm

Next meeting October 8, 2015