

UNDERHILL PLANNING COMMISSION
September 3, 2014, 6:30 PM
Minutes

PC Members Present: Cliff Peterson, Gerry Adams, David Edson, Irene Linde, Cynthia Seybolt, Pat Lamphere

Staff Present: Sarah McShane

Guests Present: None

6:33 PM: Call to order by Vice Chair- Cliff Peterson

6:34 PM: Public Comment – None

6:35 PM: Town Plan Update: Services & Housing Chapters

Members reviewed the final draft of the Services Chapter. S. McShane explained that the last two strategies regarding identifying vulnerable individuals during emergency events had been updated. Members agreed that apart from the minor editorial changes recommended by C. Seybolt that the chapter was ready for public review. S. McShane will make the corrections and upload the chapter on the town website. Paper copies will also be available at Town Hall for public comment. Members also discussed the importance of getting the public involved, especially village residents.

Members discussed the updated Housing Chapter. S. McShane explained that the chapter needed significant updating. Members discussed local constraints to affordable housing opportunities and how the town is part of a regional economy. P. Lamphere mentioned the importance of having a healthy mixture of residents and how it should be a reasonable expectation for younger generations to be able to purchase a home in town, but it is currently cost prohibitive. C. Seybolt stated that many households can't afford the cost of living and that it is a regional and national issue. Members all agreed that the lack of infrastructure limits local opportunities for affordable housing and affordable housing, including senior housing, should be focused in the village center. S. McShane will make the recommended corrections and submit the chapter to the regional planning commission.

7:40 PM: Old Business

C. Seybolt inquired about the status of the Cloverdale Road application the DRB is currently reviewing. S. McShane stated that the application is still pending and the evidentiary portion of the hearing is still open. C. Peterson told members that the town is currently updating the Town Road Ordinance. Members discussed the process and problems with the current road policy.

S.McShane provided Commission members with the revised minutes of the July 16th meeting. The minutes were approved at the 8-6-2014 meeting, however the revised copy needed to be signed. Vice-Chair Cliff Peterson signed the revised copy.

Commission members reviewed the minutes of the 8-6-2014 meeting. D.Edson made a motion, seconded by P.Lamphere to accept the minutes of the 8-6-2014 meeting. The motion passed by all members present. (C.Peterson abstained from voting since he did not attend the meeting.)

8:10 PM: Meeting adjourned on a motion by C.Seybolt, seconded by G.Adams. The motion passed by all members present.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Sarah McShane

These minutes of the September 3, 2014 meeting were accepted

This 17th day of September, 2014



~~Trevor Squirrell Chair~~ CLIFFORD PETERSON, VICE-CHAIR

These minutes are subject to correction by the Underhill Planning Commission. Changes, if any, will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting of the PC.