



Town of Bolton
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Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2014
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Bolton Town Office

Planning Commission members present: Linda Baker (Chair), Steve Barner, Jim Bralich and Rodney Pingree

Planning Commission members absent: None

Also present: Mike Gervia (Bolton Fire Dept.) and Duncan Gailbraith (Bolton Rep. CSWD)

Clerk: Carol Devlin

Agenda

1. Public Comment
2. Minutes ~ July 14, 2014
3. Town Plan – Fire Department, Chittenden Solid Waste District & Schedule
4. HMPG—Flood Hazard Mitigation Grants
5. Vermont Army National Guard Joint Land Use Study
6. 2015 Municipal Park & Ride Grant Program
7. 2015 Groundwater Resource and Recharge Area Mapping Grant
8. 2015 Municipal Planning Grant
9. Other communications/mail
10. Any other business
11. Adjournment

Call to Order

Linda Baker called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Agenda Item #1 ~ Public Comment

The floor was opened to public comment. There was none.

Agenda Item #2 ~ Minutes July 14, 2014 Meeting

Steve Barner made a motion to accept the minutes of July 14, 2014. Rodney Pingree seconded the motion. The motion carried (4-0).

Agenda Item #3 ~ Town Plan

Bolton Fire Dept. – Mike Gervia, the Bolton Fire Chief, gave the Planning Commission a summary of the status and current priorities of the BFD. The building was remodeled in 2012. The trucks are on a 20-year replacement schedule. Individual fire equipment is

on a 10-year replacement schedule. A recent grant replaced 16 pagers and radios. The BFD has a stable number of volunteers at 16. The department has installed several dry hydrants and hopes to continue putting them in strategic locations. The school is the emergency shelter; however, it does not have a generator. Mike explained the BFD's relationship with other towns and rescue organizations. He also listed equipment the department would like to purchase in the next few years. There was an extended discussion of evacuation procedures.

CSWD—Duncan Gailbraith, Bolton's CSWD representative, updated the Planning Commission on developments with CSWD. CSWD is in the early stages of considering a consolidation of haulers in member towns. CSWD will maintain the drop-off centers and the Rover. Membership on the board is 1-2 members based on population.

Schedule--The PC decided to divide sections of the Town Plan among the members at the next meeting. Each member will be responsible for outlining issues and recommendations for dealing with those issues in their section(s).

Agenda Item #4 ~ HMPG—Flood Hazard Mitigation Grants

Carol Devlin reported that 8 Bolton property owners are working with Cara Labounty to apply for Hazard Mitigation Prevention Grants. The grants will pay 75% of the expenses of elevating buildings in the flood zone, including those that haven't received damage. Other grants may be available to help property owners cover the remaining 25%.

Agenda Item #6 ~ Municipal Park & Ride Grant

The PC sent the following query to the Select Board: Should the Planning Commission pursue a Park & Ride Grant with the Green Mountain Club? The Select Board decided that the Town should not pursue the Park & Ride Grant.

Agenda Item #7 ~ Groundwater Resource & Recharge Area Mapping Grant

Deferred.

Agenda Item #8 ~ Municipal Planning Grant

Given that the Select Board has started work on a Capital Budget, the Planning Commission decided to apply for a Municipal Planning Grant to work on the Flood Resilience Planning Section of the town plan.

Agenda Item #9 ~ Other communications/mail

Sharon Murray explained that the Select Board is considering changes to the Fire Works and Road Ordinances as well as working on the budget and a Capital Expense Budget. Steve Barner is working on redoing the Bolton website to enable compliance with the public meeting law.

The CCRPC released the list of road work from 2015 to 2018 using federal funds. The only project in Bolton with federal funds will be in 2017 and involve paving Rt. 2.

Agenda Item #10 ~ Any Other Business

The next Planning Commission will be Monday, September 8 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Town Office. Monday, October 13 and Monday, November 10 were set for the other fall meetings.

Agenda Item #11 ~ Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Carol Devlin
Clerk, Planning Commission

These minutes are unofficial until accepted.

These minutes were read and accepted by a quorum of the Planning Commission on:

For the Planning Commission