

Berlin, VT
Planning Commission Meeting
December 11, 2019
7:00 PM

APPROVED MINUTES

Planning Commissioner Members Present: Karla Nuisl (KN), Jacob Coakwell (JC) and Polly McMurtry (PM)

Absent: David Huber (DH), Jared Felch (JF)

Others: Clare Rock (CR), Thomas Badowski (TB).

7:00 PM Call to Order by Chair Nuisl

Approval of Minutes: PM Moved and JC Second a Motion to approve the October 23, 2019, Minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.

New Town Center

Municipal Planning Grant

TB distributed in advance Notice of Award for a \$22,000 Municipal Planning Grant from the Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development. TB met earlier today with Jacob Hemmerick of VDHCD and Dana Hadley to discuss Jacob's request that the Town modify its Work Plan and Budget to allow the Town greater flexibility in the development of the New Town Center Designation Application. TB instructed to make said changes.

Vermont Outdoor Recreation Communities Grant (VORC)

Clare Rock – Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission

TB distributed a rough draft of a 2.75 mile recreation path in the New Town Center. He suggested the Planning Commission consider applying to VORC for funds to market and plan the recreation path. CR shared her experience with VORC and cautioned mere planning would not be eligible for VORC. She suggested reaching out to successful path creators, like Mad River Path Association, to solicit their advice for funding, design and construction of recreation paths. Energetic discussion followed with next step being to contact VORC staff to ascertain funding eligibility for NTC recreation path concept plan.

Selectboard on hiring Economic Development/NTC person

KN shared her thoughts on NTC Director job description. PM to review South Burlington job description and make suggestions.

Next Meeting

January 08, 2020

Adjourn Chair KN adjourned at 8:35 PM