

**TOWN OF WATERFORD
PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING DATED OCTOBER 21, 2015
MINUTES**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Dimick, Howard Remick, Mike Barrett, Dave Senio, John Gillott

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bob DuMaire, Tom Robinson

NON-MEMBERS: Dave Morrison, Roberta Gillott, Helen Pike, Charlie McMahon, Gary Allard, Alison Low, Chris Brimmer, Al Borsodi, Carol Priest, and Secretary Michelle Collins

Bill brought the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Minutes

Howard moved to accept the minutes of the September 16, 2015 meeting.

Dave seconded the motion.

Bill called for a vote and all present approved the motion.

Modification of Agenda

Bill recognized that this is Carol's last meeting as secretary and presented her with a certificate for her retirement. He announced that Michelle is officially the new secretary to the Planning Commission.

Citizens' Concerns

Dave Morrison expressed concern for Shadow Lake Road South, stating he doesn't believe this road is up to standard. It was discussed that state standards for roads were adopted four years ago making FEMA ditches the standard, but scenic value should be considered when planning is implemented.

Old Business – Survey: Citizens' Comments

There were no concerns or comments at this time.

New Business

Town Plan Update: Economic Development

Alison Low, senior planner at NVDA, on behalf of Irene Nagle, passed out a copy of the Economic Development Plan as well as presented a draft of a Soils Constraints Map, which represented septic suitability, based on soil type. The map was

discussed. Alison presented each section of the Economic Development Plan to the board, recommending using the regional plan as a reference. Chris made a point in saying the zoning by-laws need to coincide with the town plan.

Dave articulated his concern for dairy production and is in favor of giving tax breaks to farmers. Bill suggested the town implement other elements of agriculture, and John recommended tackling aggregation, believing that getting agricultural products to market could be improved.

Other

It was discussed and agreed that a sub-committee will be setup to generate data regarding implementing new agricultural ideas for the town. Creating an ad hoc committee will be placed on next month's meeting held on November 18, 2015.

The agenda was set for the November 18th meeting: Minutes; Modification of Agenda; Citizens' Concerns; Old Business: Survey/Citizens' Comments; New Business: Town Plan Update – Economic Development & Sub-Committee; Other

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Collins, Secretary

Approved: