

Town of Grafton Meeting Planning Commission Minutes

Tuesday, July 9, 2019, Grafton Town Offices

Planning Commissioners Present: Dave Culver, Matt Siano, Eric Stevens, Valerie Rooney. Staff present: Chuck Wise. Community Members Present: Sue Westa, Liisa Kissel, Richard Amore.

Meeting called to order: 6:30PM

Agenda approval

No changes.

Village Center Designation

Dave introduced the topic of village center designation for Grafton Village. Commissioners, along with Richard and Liisa, walked the areas under consideration for the village center prior to the meeting. Dave stressed the actual boundaries of the proposed designation will not be acted upon until there is full attendance of the Commission. The Town Plan, not being approved, gives us this time because we cannot make a formal submission until after the town and Regional Commission approve the town plan.

Richard gave a presentation to the Commission (enclosed in the Planning Commission files but not posted on graftonvt.org because of file size limitations). The presentation was approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes in total length. The presentation included extensive discussion among Commissioners.

Approval of Minutes

Delayed to August meeting.

Public Comment

Liisa gave Commissioners an update on the Town Plan approval process and the petition to have the Town Plan approved by the voters instead of the Selectboard. Discussion followed regarding the recent activities of the Selectboard. Dave stated Commissioners should stay tuned until the meeting this Thursday where we will know more about what is happening.

Other Business

Matt discussed the possibility of a local doctor relocating their office to Grafton. The concept is the doctor would conduct surgical procedures at the various hospitals in the region but would see patients in Grafton for office visits.

Correspondence/Communications

Dave has no updates.

Windham Regional Commission

No updates

Development Review Board

No updates

Grafton Village Wastewater

Matt reported that they are sending out the letter for owners to take advantage of free water tests. Water testing is scheduled for August.

Unfinished Business

None

Community Survey

Dave passed out a recent draft of the community survey. This draft is a collection of ideas that are being considered. There is no order or organization to all of these questions. Dave reviewed the survey with Commissioners. Dave discussed the survey conducted by Fayston and that it represents a perfect example of an online survey. One idea for the municipal planning grant is to have a professional company conduct this survey. This could ensure that we get a huge turnout which will be critical for the survey's success.

Adjournment

8:34 PM

Next regular meeting:

August 13, 2019