

**TOWN OF NEWFANE PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2018  
NEWFANE TOWN OFFICE**

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:** Lynn Forrest, Bob McCandless, Ken Estey, Marcia hylan

**OTHERS PRESENT:** None

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Lynn Forrest, Chair, at 6:05 P.M.

**ADDITIONS /AMENDMENTS:** None

**MINUTES:** Ken E. made a motion to accept the **Oct. 10 Regular Meeting Minutes** as corrected. Bob M. seconded. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Traffic Calming Community Forum:** Commission members discussed the success of the Oct. 14th forum as well as things that might have been done differently. The members agreed that a calendar should be set up for the Selectboard with time frames for the traffic calming recommendations. We will review the Town Plan's Traffic section's goals and actions to reflect the findings from the community forum.

**River Corridors Report:** Lynn F. reported (per Selectboard) that the River Corridor section of the Town Plan can wait until we have finished with the other required sections of the plan (Forest Block, Energy, Traffic).

**West River Valley 100% Renewable Energy Meeting:** Marcia H. reported back from the Oct. 16th meeting. Bob M. will consult with Marion Major from the WRC on possibly coordinating with this group.

**Enhanced Energy Planning:** Question for Mario Major; Can the PC start on the Enhanced Energy Plan before the funding arrives?

**Oct. 17th Planning and Zoning Forum:** Bob M. and Lynn F. reported on the forum they attended. Zoning on Farms in Vermont is such that a farm is only allowed to occasionally have non farm business on the property. An Accessory- on- farm business requires specific zoning.

The information underlines the need for the PC to find the farms in Newfane so that we can work with farmers on this issue.

Affordable Housing needs a new name as the name carries with it some misconceived assumptions. **Accessible** Housing? Most economists stress that no more than one third of a household's income should go toward housing, and yet incomes are not meeting that mark.

**SE VT. Collaborative Wildlife Linkage:** Carol H. report.

**Oct. 25th/26th Trainings:** Discussed who was attending what. Bob M. will try to attend the Route 30 corridor meeting with Vtrans. On the 25th. Marcia H. will attend the Municipal Day on the 26th in Montpelier.

**Goals for Selectboard:** Each member will bring their 3 short-term and 3 long-term suggestions of focus from the Community survey to the next meeting. The suggestions will be presented to the selectboard at the Nov. 19th Selectboard meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Adjutant Members:** The PC is only allowed 5 members, but as volunteers the workload requires much. Discussed how and if it would be feasible to enlist others ( ad-hoc members?) for help with specific PC projects.

**Combined Meetings:** Discussed and agreed that there is a need to have combined meetings with the Conservation Commission (forest blocks and connectors) and the DRB (affordable housing).

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**ADJOURN:** Bob M. made a motion to adjourn at 9:16 P.M. Ken E. seconded. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marcia Hylan,  
Secretary

